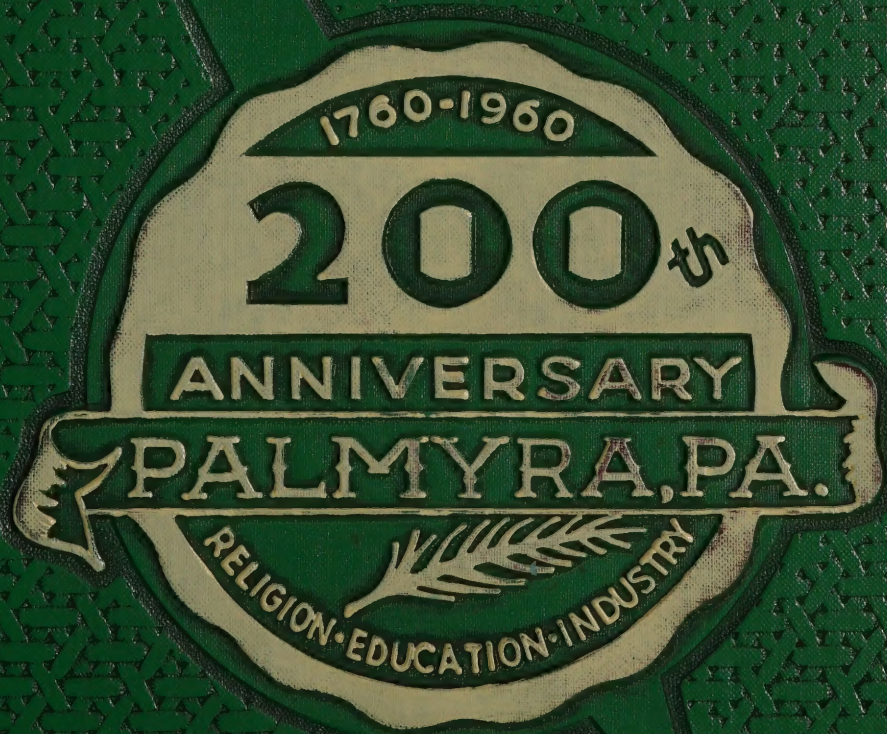


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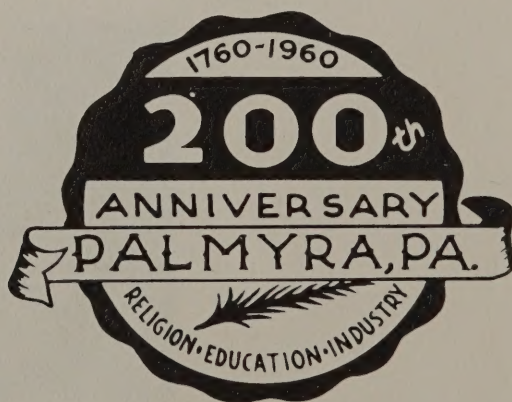


# FOREWORD

The citizens of Palmyra are justly proud of the accomplishments we have placed behind us. We do not celebrate our 200th Anniversary with only an eye to the past—but it is with this historical reminiscing that we hope to lay the foundation for an even greater future.

Fifty years ago, in 1910, the citizens of our great community joined hands to celebrate a similar occasion. Then again in 1935 they organized to show 175 years of progress. The value and importance of these events have proven to be so worthy that with the passing of two hundred years, we have organized to build a foundation for the future by reliving the events of the past.

Let all those who love Palmyra and what it stands for join hearts in an effort to make Palmyra an even greater community for our children and the generations to follow. This book is a monument to the leaders of the past who had the vision and courage to build for the future. May God in His infinite wisdom guide us in our efforts to make our churches, homes, schools, community and nation move forward.



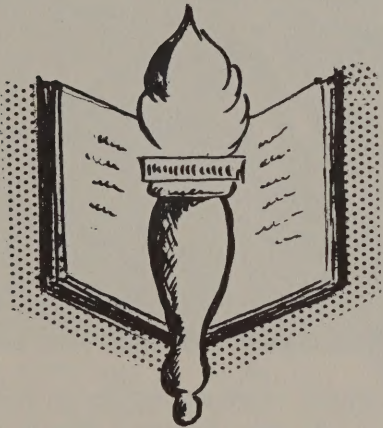


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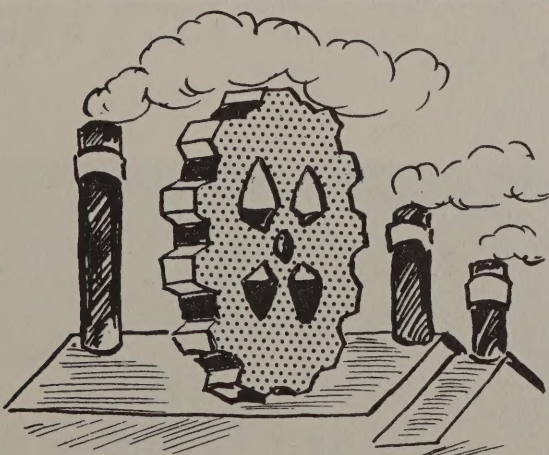
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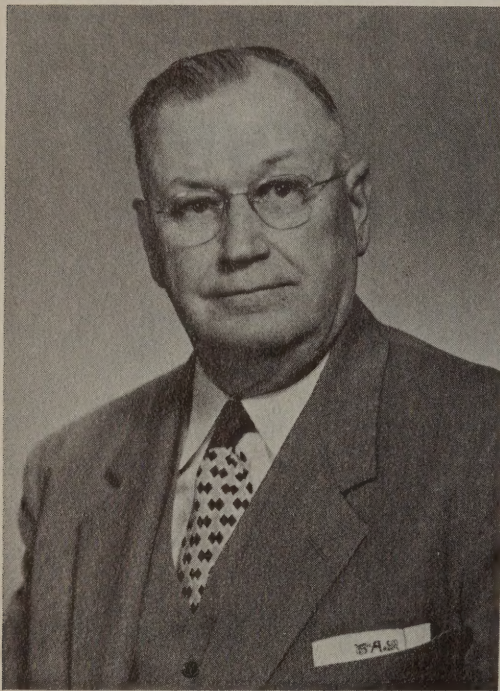
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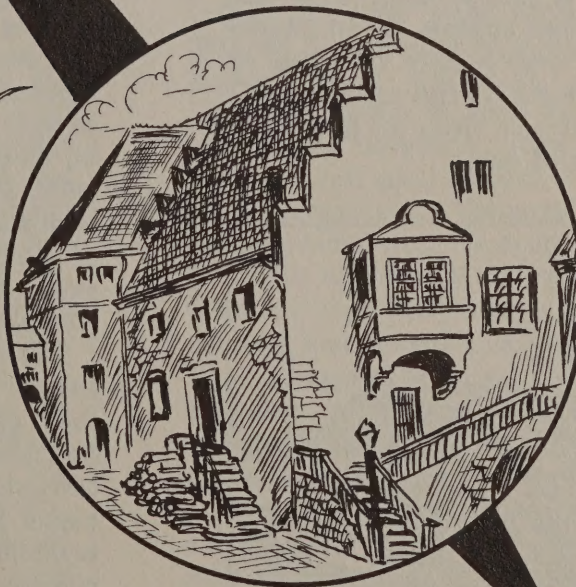
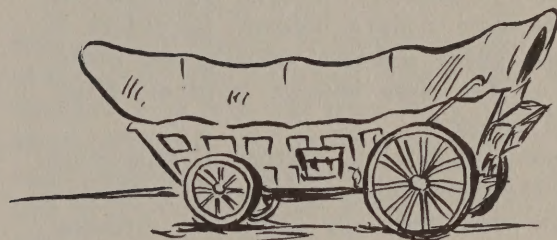




# HISTORIC *Palmyra*

"The course of life is like the sea; men come and go; tides rise and fall; and that is all of history."

Joaquin Miller



Birthplace of Dr. Johann Palm, Heilbronn, Germany.



# A BRIEF HISTORY OF PALMYRA, PENNSYLVANIA

Ray S. Bowman

Past President—Lebanon Co. Historical Society

To the early settlers and hardy pioneers who settled at this vicinity, in this beautiful valley in Penn's woods, it was a good land. The air clear and sweet, the springs plentiful, the streams of pure, clean water. Along the banks of the Swatara were trees of all kinds—cedar, cypress, chestnut, poplar, gumwood, ash, beech, black walnut, hickory, and oaks of all kinds. The fruits of the woods were there in abundance—the berry, chestnut, plums, walnuts, strawberries, grapes of all kinds, and peaches. The streams were full of fish, the woods of elk, deer, beaver, raccoons, rabbits, squirrels—of fowl there were turkeys, pigeons, partridges in abundance. Other animals valuable for profit by skin or fur were wildcat, panther, otter, wolf, and muskrat.

The most outstanding feature of this good land was the almost unbroken forest. In limited areas, however, especially along the streams, was the forest not a jungle, there were also limited areas of treeless uplands. Small cleared areas near streams were mostly the sites of abandoned Indian villages. Larger cleared areas had resulted from periodic firing of the woods by Indians in search of game.

The land on which Palmyra now stands was originally inhabited by the Lenni Lenape Indians to whom the white man gave the name Delawares, who were members of the Algonquin family. This Indian tribe once enjoyed great dignity and power. Other Algonquin tribes settling in Pennsylvania were the Shawnees, the Nanticokes and Conoys. Tribes of the Iroquoian family of Indians living in Pennsylvania were the Susquehannocks, the Conestogas, and the Tuscaroras.

The first white men came into this area about 1650, or before, and were explorers or traders. The explorers were mainly concerned with scouting the new territory and gathering first-hand information for the future purchase of tracts of land. The traders were concerned mainly with trade with the Indians. They carried with them the usual stock of trading goods such as blankets, beads, kettles, iron axes, guns, etc. to trade for the pelts of fur bearing animals.

It has been said that a trading post with a stockade built by Indian traders was located several hundred yards north of the 300 block of West Main Street. Early citizens tell of a pond, and the outlines of a stockade could be seen years ago. A study of the cultural remains of the Indian campsites with their arrowpoints, axes and tools gives proof of the various tribes who used this valley as a hunting ground.

The only remaining thing to remind us of the Indian inhabitation of the area is the names they gave to the streams and mountains—Swatara Creek, the Indian name Swahadowry, corrupted from Schada-dawa, means in Susquehanna Indian "where we feed on eels"—Quitapahilla Creek, corrupted from Cuitpehelle, meaning "a spring that flows from the ground among pines"—Kittatiny hills, corrupted from Kittochtiny, a Delaware word meaning "the endless hills".

There were several reasons why the early settlers were drawn to this area to build their homes and raise their families. The first was



Early Pioneer Settlers



the traders who went back to the established settlements with glowing accounts of the good rich land and pure streams with fish and game in abundance. Another reason was the desire of William Penn to found a colony of small independent farmers. In his advertisements of his promise in the eastern European countries he stressed the opportunity for a poor man to own land. In addition, Penn's charter of civil rights and freedom of religion appealed to those people who desired these rights and were living in virtual serfdom.

In the beginning, a large portion of the land in Pennsylvania, perhaps most of it, was occupied by the settlers without legal rights, as squatters. Squatter rights were favored because of the abundance of good land, loose business methods of the proprietaries, long distance to the land office, overwhelming number of settlers, and slow method of settling the titles of the Indians. Most of the early settlers who settled in this area known as the "back country" during 1717-1740, especially the German and Scotch-Irish immigrants, did not take the trouble to acquire title by legal rights but simply squatted on unoccupied land. Because of this squatter method of settlement it is difficult and sometimes impossible to trace family migrations and/or land record titles, however, an investigation of early land records indicates clearly that Palmyra and the surrounding area was settled by two different European nationalities—namely, the Scotch-Irish and the German Palatinates.

The Scotch-Irish were Scotchmen who had migrated to Ireland under Elizabeth and James I, but as time passed they became dissatisfied with the rule of the English authorities and the native Irish. They came to America in large numbers because of political, religious, and economic reasons, although the economic reason was the most compelling. They were a hardy, self-reliant and courageous people who adapted to the wilderness and the frontier, and they preferred that way of life. They led the westward advance of settlements and therefore were the first line of defense against the Indians. Being of a restless nature, and not mixing well with the German element, they moved westward into Cumberland County. They were political minded and took an active interest in government once they were established. They were Presbyterians, and you can trace their movements westward by the churches they built on the way—Donegal in Lancaster County, Paxtang near Harrisburg, Derry at Hershey,



and Silver Spring near Carlisle.

Over the passing years most all of the Scotch-Irish have died away or moved to another part of the state. There are few indeed today in the Palmyra area who can trace their ancestry to the Scotch-Irish who settled here. Many of these early settlers are buried at Old Derry Church and on the "Old English" cemetery near Grantville.

The following were early settlers—David Mitchell, John Campbell, Henry Walker, George Aspey, James Caruthers, Thomas Ewing, Widow McCallen, William Sawyer, James Wilson, James Galbraith, John McCord, Robert McClure, and many others.

The Pennsylvania Germans, or German Palatinates, came from Germany, and have been commonly called the Pennsylvania Dutch. These Germans came to Pennsylvania for religious, political, and economic reasons. Politically they were oppressed, they were economically poor, and they were severely persecuted for their religious beliefs. Like the Scotch-Irish the Germans were clannish, and from the beginning tried to keep to themselves. Throughout Pennsylvania land the prevailing language was German, that, and the differences of religion kept the Germans from mixing either with the English or Scotch-Irish. Most of the German immigrants were farmers, and as a class they flourished best in rural sections. They were not politically minded and let the Quakers run the government. To them farming was a way of life,

not merely a means of livelihood. The contributions of the Germans was the promotion of agriculture, in which they excelled all other groups. They were conservative, religious, frugal, and hard working people who lived close to the soil and added an element of strength to the state and nation.

Unlike the Scotch-Irish, the Pennsylvania Germans stayed on the land they loved, and it is not uncommon even today to find farms that have been handed down from father to son for several generations. It is also true that many of the present citizens of this area can claim these original German immigrants as their ancestors.

The following were early settlers—John Deininger, John Ober, John Bindnagle, John Early, Joseph Carmany, Michael Killinger, Johannes Bowman, Jacob Naftzger, Jacob Ricker, Joseph Forney, Anthony Hemperly, John Nye, Hans Kettering, John Gingerich, John Zimmerman, and many others.

From the time of Braddocks defeat at the hands of the French and Indians in 1755—up until 1783, one of the hazards of the early pioneer farmer was fear of an Indian attack. Every rod of ground had to be cleared with an ax and held with the rifle. Fear of an Indian attack tried the stoutest hearts. Although the settlers in the foothills of the Blue Mountains marked the limit of actual settlement on the part of the white man, the early settlers of Palmyra were close to the mountains and had reason to fear an Indian attack.

These Indian raiding parties, of from 5 to 20 Indians, usually in the dead of the night fell upon a homestead, scalped the older members of the family, took the children captive, and burned the buildings, retreating back into the mountains. Even men working in the fields in the daytime had armed guards to protect them while at work.

Rupp and Egle in their histories of Lebanon County list many outrages in the area between Manada and Indiantown Gap along the mountain. It was necessary to build defenses for these Indian raids, and in 1756 the Provincial government built a chain of forts along the Blue Mountains from the Susquehanna at Harrisburg to the Delaware at Easton at distances of from 10-15 miles apart, especially at the gaps in the mountain. These forts usually consisted of a stockade of heavy planks enclosing several block houses which served as quarters for the troops and refuge for the settlers.

It was the duty of the garrison of these forts to patrol the distances between the forts al-



ways on the alert for Indians. There was one such fort erected in what is now Lebanon County. The site is near Inwood, named Fort Swatara. Captain Frederick Smith was given orders on January 26, 1756 to build a fort at this place, and any additional works as he might think necessary to make it strong and easy to defend.

The French and Indian war came to an end, and with it came an end to the Indian raids and the soldiers and settlers could return to the more peaceful pursuits of clearing more land and building larger houses and barns.

To Dr. John Palm (1713-1799) is given the credit for the founding of Palmyra. He has been called—and rightly so—Palmyra's First Citizen, because of his prominence as a frontier doctor, a soldier, and as a citizen of long standing in the early community.

A brief story of the life of Dr. John Palm is worthy of our attention. He was the eldest son of Matthias and Sibylla Palm, born in Heilbronn, in the Electorate of Brandenburg, in the Kingdom of Bavaria, July 15, 1713 (according to Bindnagles Church Record) but in 1718, according to his pass in 1742. About the year 1739 he took up residence at Backnag, near Stuttgart, in Wurtemberg, where he married Christiana Dorothea Kern, August 2, 1740. His parents being poor he worked in a stocking factory for several years.

Returning from a trip to Amsterdam, Holland in 1742, John Palm began the study of medicine in Wurtemberg. Doubtless he was aided by friends and relatives. A number of



the members of the Palm family clan were physicians and druggists in Wurtemberg at that time.

He left his native country for America and arrived at the port of Philadelphia August 11, 1750, as a passenger on the "Ship Patience" under Captain Hugh Steel, from Rotterdam, late from Cowes in England. Bindnagles Church record has his arrival in 1749.

He first settled in the upper part of New Jersey, in the vicinity of Elizabeth and Springfield. His first wife having died, he married Catharine Salome Fenger about the year 1754. She died in 1764.

On June 17, 1766 he secured his 100 acre tract of land from Conrad Raisch, it being the third transfer of title since the time it was surveyed to Johannes Deininger in 1751. This tract can be located today roughly by the boundaries of North Railroad Street on the east, West Maple Street on the south, and the Dauphin County line on the west. The house stood about the center of the 100 block on West Main Street.

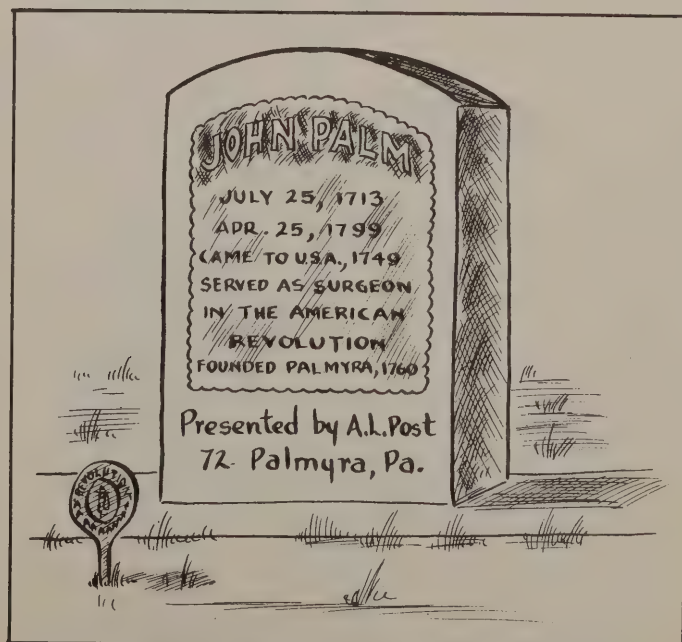
When the Revolutionary War broke out he was too old to take an active part in the battle, although he was at the Battle of Brandywine, September 11, 1777. He was probably attached to General Green's Division, which was posted as a reserve, between Sullivan and Wayne, to reinforce either division as circumstances might require. He used to relate how Washington, on a white horse, came riding up, encouraging his men. On the 27th of September, 1777 he took the Oath of Allegiance and Fidelity, under the Act of Legislature of 1777 before Justice-of-the-Peace John Thome.

About the year 1785 or 1790, he was married a third time, to Elizabeth Williams, a widow. She was born in Germany, probably about the year 1733. Her life was quite an eventful one, as will appear from the following, taken from the History of Berks and Lebanon Counties, page 72. "Hanover, Lancaster Co., Pa., August 11th, 1757, \* \* \* \* Monday, 8th. On Wednesday we intended to rest, but at about 12 o'clock had another alarm. Near Benjamin Clarke's house, four miles from the mill, two Indians surprized Isaac William's wife and the WIDOW WILLIAMS. They killed and scalped the former, in sight of the house. She having run a little way, after three balls had been shot through her body. The latter they carried away as a captive."

In the Colonial Records for 1762, at page 750, Vol. VIII, the following account is given of her restoration. "At a conference with the Northern

Indians, held at Lancaster, on Thursday, the 19th of August, 1762, \* \* \* The conference then broke up, and the Governor, his Council and the Commissioners, went with some Indian Chiefs, to the Court House, to receive the prisoners. Whence having come, the Governor, acquainted Thomas King, that he was ready to receive the prisoners from him, and that they need not be under apprehensions of being used ill, for that he should be kind to them, and treat them like children and restore them to their parents and relatives. Then they delivered to Lieut. Governor Hamilton, Esq., (under Hon. Thomas Penn and Richard Penn, Proprietors of the Province of Pennsylvania) at the hands of King Beaver, ELIZABETH WILLIAMS, a young woman, delivered up by Mussause, a Muncy Indian; also Henry Williams about 18 years, a half brother (?) to Elizabeth Williams, delivered by Canyhocheratoquin, a Muncy." She had therefore been a captive, amongst the Delaware or Lenni Lenape tribe, for five years. An account of her restoration to her friends, is also given in the History of Berks and Lebanon Counties, on page 345. After her marriage to Dr. Palm, he, often in a playful way, called her his "Indian Squaw." She died at the house of William Early, near Palmyra, November 25 or 26, 1815.

Dr. John Palm's three marriages resulted in these children—John George Palm Jr., a son of the first marriage; William, Peter, Jacob, Nicholas, Andrew and Mary, children of his second marriage; and Tobias only child of the third marriage. Several other children born to the family died in infancy.

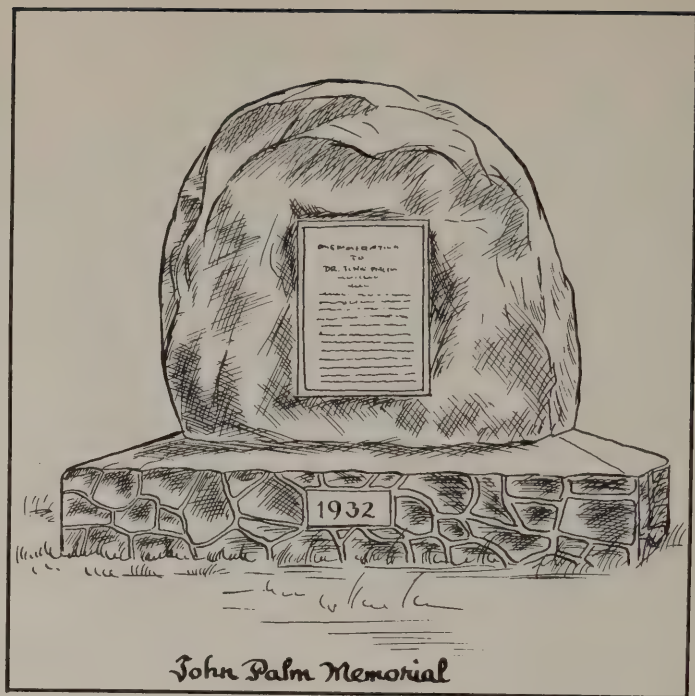


He had an extensive practice, and owing to the country being thinly settled, it was very laborious. Patients frequently came from long distances to consult him. The medicines he used were mostly of vegetable extraction. Having an extensive laboratory he prepared most of his medicines. He distilled his own essential oils, waters, etc. from herbs and flowers. He was a contemporary of Linnaeus, Cullen, Sauwages, Van Sweiten and DeHaen. His medical works were mostly by German authors. One of his books, in possession of Dr. P. R. Palm, (in 1870), a work on *Materia Medica*, is probably 300 years old. On the inside of the cover is a record of his birth, death, and place of nativity. In his Pass (of February 24, 1742) he is described as being "24 years of age, medium size, light hair, and wearing a brown coat, etc." He was baptized and confirmed into the Lutheran Church. He died at Palmyra on April 25, 1799, at the age of 85 years, 9 months, after having practiced medicine in this country for almost 50 years.

In order that the location of the grave of Dr. John Palm would not be lost to posterity (the first plain headstone had long ago crumbled and weathered away) another marker was unveiled over the grave at Bindnagles Cemetery on Sunday, July 24, 1932. The program was under the auspices of American Legion Post No. 72 with appropriate ceremonies. Mrs. S. M. Aument of Montoursville, Pa., a great-great-great-great granddaughter of Dr. Palm unveiled the new marker, and Hon. G. H. Moyer delivered the address.

To further insure that the name of Dr. John Palm would be remembered by the citizens of the town he founded, a massive memorial boulder was erected on a triangle on South Railroad Street on Sunday, November 20, 1932, under the combined efforts of the Washington Bi-Centennial Committee, and the Lebanon County Historical Society. Prominent persons from Harrisburg, Washington, D.C., and New Jersey were present, and stirring speeches were made to a crowd of over 1,000 persons. Dr. Cyrus H. Leslie, the town's last surviving Civil War veteran, at the age of 91 unveiled the boulder. Dr. Howard Palm, Camden, New Jersey, a direct descendant of Dr. John Palm, and Mrs. E. S. Nissley of Harrisburg, Pa., a descendant of the Palm family on both her father's and mother's side, were present at the ceremony.

The growth of any pioneer area or village was of necessity linked to the distance from a



main road or navigable waterway. In the Palmyra area all travel was over "dirt roads" up to the 1800's, either by horseback or stage-coach. The only transportation was by farm wagon or the larger Conestoga wagon.

Most of the early settlers built along the Hill Road north of Palmyra, leading from Millers-town—now Annville—to Derry and on to Harris Ferry. The road from the Bindnagle area to the settlement at Campbelltown crossed this east to west road and then passed through Palmyra. Another of the main routes to and from Palmyra was the Downingtown, Ephrata and Harrisburg Pike, now commonly known as the "Horseshoe Pike". Over this road the farmers took their grain and produce to Philadelphia and brought back merchandise for the shopkeepers.

A direct route through the valley from Reading to Harrisburg known as the Berks and Dauphin Turnpike was opened to traffic in 1817. The turnpike went over the only street of the village, now West Main Street. With the opening of this road came more traffic, the stage-coach carrying passengers and U.S. Mail. With the traffic came increased activity, livery stables and blacksmith shops to care for the horses, and taverns to provide food, drink, and lodging for the travelers.

During this period Palmyra had 5 taverns, Casper Dasher Hostelry, Washington House, Lineweaver House, Rodearmel Inn, and the Philip Matter House. All these taverns were located on West Main Street between the 100 and 700 blocks. All of these taverns were built



by or before the year 1800. Later several other hotels were opened—the Railroad House on North Railroad Street near the Reading Railroad, the Eagle Hotel where Lee's 5 & 10c Store now stands, and the Washington House and the American House both on West Main Street.

With the passage of time came the demand for more speed and greater tonnage which resulted in the building of the Union Canal several miles north of the community. The Union Canal connected the Schuylkill River at Reading with the Susquehanna River at Middletown. It was completed in 1827 and store houses were built along its banks. An extensive traffic in lumber, grain, coal, iron ore, gypsum, merchandise were carried, and in a peak year 267,307 tons were transported. The farmers and merchants in the Palmyra area benefited by the cheaper and faster service.



Union Canal



Eagle Hotel

With the coming of the steam age came another change in travel and transportation. On November 30, 1857 a crowd of curious townspeople lined the railroad track as the great "Iron Horse"—"with whistle tooting, bell ringing, and belching clouds of black smoke"—thundered through Palmyra on the newly built Lebanon Valley Railroad. Two years later it merged with the Philadelphia and Reading Company and was later renamed the Reading Railroad.

The coming of the railroad sounded the death knell for the Union Canal and the Berks and Dauphin Turnpike (as a Toll Road). The railroad brought cheaper and faster methods of transporting people and goods.

As the town grew stores and small business establishments were opened. Joseph Horstick,

son of Conrad, kept a store on what was known as the Witmer property on West Main Street—the building has since been torn down and dismantled. The account books of the store from 1813-1825 show the price and type of goods sold at a typical country store. The books are now in the Library of the Lebanon County Historical Society, through the courtesy of the Horstick family.

Other stores and business establishments were opened—Brunner Carriage Shop, John Henry Plow Factory, Stahle Wooden Farm Implements, Snoddy Wheelwright Shop, Forney-Troxell Furniture and Cabinet Shop later known as Wm. A. Henry, Furniture & Undertaking, Saddle and Harness Shops, Tailor Shops, and Hemperly Organ Factory.



"Iron Horse"



It is quite evident that most of these small business establishments were necessary to the life of a small rural farming community. However, after the Civil War period a change is noted in the types of business being established. A large grain warehouse was built on North Railroad Street (now Curry's Mill). The first newspaper was printed in 1878 by John M. Hoffa called "The Londonderry Gazette". A lumber and planing mill opened to satisfy the need for new buildings. To take care of the financial affairs of the community the Palmyra Bank opened its doors for business in 1887. A large abattoir was built and it furnished meats to Palmyra and the surrounding area. In 1888 the first shoe factory, the Palmyra Boot & Shoe Co., was formed. Several years later the W. L. Kreider Sons, the J. Landis Shoe Co., and the A. S. Kreider Shoe Co. were also making shoes. There was a knitting mill, a paper box factory, the Annville & Palmyra Gas & Fuel Co., The Eagle Bakery, a bottling works, a dray line, flour and feed mill, and a Market House.

The first chore of the early settler, after the primary tasks of building a home, clearing the land, and insuring a food supply, was the building of a church—after the church came the school house. The Pennsylvania-Germans, like the Scotch-Irish, respected and encouraged education, although they believed that education was related to the church, not the state.

Bindnagles gift of land to the congregation specified that it was to be used: "for a church, school house, and burying ground." The first school building stood about 50 feet east of the first church, a log building. The teachers were employed by the church, and paid for by the church treasury. Most union churches (Lutheran and Reformed) in the colonial period in Pennsylvania had their own schools.

At Derry the Scotch-Irish Presbyterians established a church and school as early as 1732. The Old Sessions House in which the school is said to have been held is still standing (now enclosed in glass).

In 1805 the Honorable John Kean erected a stone school building, about 34 x 36 feet, which stood 200 feet south of West Main Street and 100 feet west of South Locust Street. This building remained in use for about 40 years. The names of two teachers have been preserved for us—Abraham Philip, Esq. and Alexander Dasher.

During the same period a log school house was used which was located on the Derry Road



about 400 feet beyond the point where it branches off the highway. Adam Grittinger was a teacher in this school.

About the year 1840 two buildings were erected—one a stone structure, the other brick, on the rear of a lot on the north side of West Main Street in the 400 block. These schools were a part of the State system of free public schools. In 1874 a larger brick four room school house was built on West Main Street.

In addition to the public schools the Palmyra Academy, or Witmer Academy was opened in 1857, and continued until the year 1890. The building stood at the corner of Main and College Streets where the First United Brethren, now the Evangelical Congregational Church stands. This was a private school, founded and supervised by Professor Peter B. Witmer. When the school was at the height of its prosperity there were usually 100 or more pupils during the spring term, and 60 or more during the fall term. The school had an excellent rating as a preparatory school for those pupils who desired to enter college. Many young men and women of this area received their early training and education at Witmers Academy.

There is agreement among the early writers that the town was first named Palmstown, in honor of Dr. John Palm. Martin Early, in his "History of Palmyra", states that when the Post Office was established April 1, 1804, the name of the village was Palmstown. In the autobiography of Honorable John Kean, we find that he called it Palmyra in 1805. Just when and why the name was changed has been ob-



scured with the passage of time. Perhaps in the future some evidence will be found that will answer these questions.

For more than 100 years Palmyra depended on springs, wells, and ponds for its supply of water. There were 5 pumps that might have been called public wells or pumps. All of these had wooden pump stocks and were suction or lift pumps with two boxes or buckets. All of these pumps were located west of the square from Locust Street to Lingle Avenue. As the town began to grow a serious water problem arose as seen by an act of the legislature to raise money by a lottery, to bring water to Palmyra.

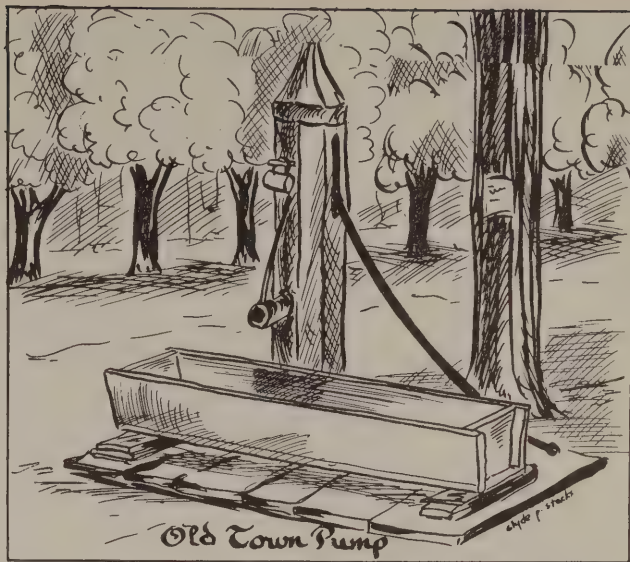
"An act for the Relief of the Inhabitants of the Village of Palmyra, in the township of Londonderry, Dauphin County.

"Section 1. Be it enacted, etc., That John Elder, Matthew Irwin, Daniel Wonderlich, John Ernst, John Downy and Levi G. Hollingsworth be and they are hereby appointed Commissioners to raise, by way of lottery, a sum not exceeding three thousand dollars, for the purpose of procuring and bringing into the said village a sufficient supply of water for the use of the inhabitants thereof, and be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid;

"Section 2. That before the said commissioners proceed to sell any tickets in said lottery, they shall lay such scheme therefore before the Governor as shall meet his approbation, and shall enter into bonds to him for the faithful performance of their duty in selling the tickets, drawing the lottery, and paying the prizes, and paying over the net proceeds of the lottery.

"And each of them, before entering on the duties of their appointment, shall take and subscribe an oath or affirmation diligently and faithfully to perform the duties hereby instructed to him, and at least three of the said Commissioners shall attend the drawing of each day. And when the whole is completed shall cause an accurate list of the fortunate numbers to be published in one newspaper at Harrisburg and one at Lebanon, etc.

"Section 3. And be it further . . . That Levi G. Hollingsworth, Daniel Wonderlich, Henry Longenecker, John Kean and Joseph Carmany be and they are hereby appointed Trustees to receive from the Commissioners aforesaid the net amount of the monies raised by the lottery, and it shall be their duty also to devise and plan and cause to be dug, made and executed such works, machinery and engines as will lead



and procure from Derry Meeting House spring, or elsewhere, such supply of water as may be sufficient for the use of said village.

THOMAS McKEAN (Governor)

The citizens of Palmyra have always responded to the call of their country in time of war. On Bindnagles Cemetery are the marked graves of eleven men who took part in the Revolutionary War. Dr. John Palm, George Frantz, Jacob Lentz, Gottfried Zimmerman, Johannes Zimmerman, Johannes Schnoke (Snoke), Michael Malvier (Maulfair), John Michael Malvier (Maulfair), Jacob Leyman (Lehman), Benoi Pew, and Frederick Horstick.

Less than 100 years later the citizens of Palmyra were again called upon to serve their country. With the fall of Fort Sumter in 1861 President Lincoln called for 75,000 volunteers to preserve the Union. About 78 of Palmyra's citizens laid down their tools and donned the uniform of the Boys in Blue.

An earlier writer of Palmyra's history calls the growth of the village of Palmstown as phenomenal. Estimates by I. D. Rupp and Rev. J. W. Early estimate the population at 150-165 persons and some 20 dwellings in 1845. By 1875 the population had increased to 500 persons and about 100 dwellings. It is interesting to note that most of these people lived on two streets—West Main Street and North Railroad Street. By 1890 the population of Palmyra is listed at 1,768 persons. The growth of Palmyra has truly been amazing. The number of residents at present is well over 7,000 persons living in over 650 homes. There are more than 25 miles of paved streets and 20 more miles surveyed and opened. The growth has been mostly in the direction of the south and east of the original streets.



# THE BINDNAGLE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

By Israel Earley

Although not the oldest, the Bindnagle Church certainly ranks among the older churches, and possibly is the very first organized by our German ancestors in this section, in a community predominately English. In 1748 the larger portion of what now constitutes Londonderry Township was under the control of the Scotch-Irish. Attracted by the opportunities and religious freedom William Penn's liberal terms offered them, early German settlers migrated to "Penn's Woods" and settled in the fertile Lebanon Valley. They worshipped in private homes until sufficient members were established in the community when they organized a congregation and built the first church. There is evidence, in the form of a pewter communion tankard dated 1745, of the formation of a congregation prior to the building of the first church. The land for this church, 5 acres and 20 perches, was donated by Hans (John) Bindtnagel on January 27, 1753 and the church was completed in 1754. Another pewter vessel donated by M. Miller dated 1754, and an altar

cloth with the same date and inscription indicate this was the year of the consecration of the first church.

After the log church served the congregation which grew to 162 members in 48 years, steps were taken to erect a new one which is the structure now standing. In September, 1802, they adopted "articles with regard to the building of the church", namely 1. It is to be of brick. 2. The property belonging exclusively to the Lutherans, they the Lutherans, without yielding their absolute ownership, "herewith declare, that if the Reformed will assist as Christian brethren by contributing money and labor towards the building of the said church, they shall have the full use of the church, of the school house, of the grave yard, in the same manner as the Lutherans have, free of rent, having their own pastor to serve them and to preach for them in the church." 3. Provides against interference on each other's Sundays. 4. None but regularly ordained Lutheran or Reformed ministers, who are members of the Ministerium or the Classis shall be permitted to preach in this church, except in case of necessity at a funeral. In that case, ministers of other denominations may be permitted to preach. 5. The two congregations are to have but one schoolmaster who occupies the land and school house for his services. 6. Each congregation retains its own treasury. 7. Should the Reformed at any time hereafter desire to erect a church for themselves, the Lutherans promise to aid them in return.

There were approximately 400 subscribers of all faiths located in the Derry, Hanover, Annville and Londonderry townships, whose donations ranged from 2 shilling to 40 pound to be paid in 3 installments, namely, 1st on January 1, 1803, 2nd when under roof and 3rd when completed. The cost of the whole building was 909 pound, 3 shilling and 11½ pence, or a little over \$2,424.50. To the everlasting integrity of the German settlers, records show that but twelve of the four hundred failed to meet their obligations.





The bricks for the building were burned by Peter Zimmerman on the Gottfried Zimmerman farm, more recently owned by A. D. Kline, along the Quittapahilla Creek. The windows have double sashes, arched tops, and double shutters. They are copies of a window from the first church.

The interior is designed in the form of the Greek cross with a "wineglass" pulpit at the apex. A canopied sounding board, with a painting of Saint John the Evangelist on its base, is above the pulpit. It is one among the very few, if there are any others elsewhere, and the only building in this section in which the wine-glass pulpit with sounding board is to be found. On a wooden area of the wall back of the pulpit is a painting of Christ and the mottoes "Bete and Arbeite", (Pray and Work), "Liebe deine Nachsten", (Love your Neighbor) and "Liebe Gott uber Alles", (Love God over All).

The communion table, enclosed by a railing, is in the center of the cross design. High-backed pews with narrow seats are set on a double floor to protect worshippers' feet from the cold in the basementless building. These pews form the sides and base of the cross design, all facing the center. Pews for the church officials are on the right side of the pulpit, separated from the main congregation by a low wall.

Wooden Doric-type columns support the balcony which has beamed ends and is around three sides of the building. The wooden ceiling has old-world style decorations at the center and four corners, and the rafters are held together by wooden pins.

The church was completed in 1803 but the dedication was held in 1804 when an assembly of church dignitaries could be present. Five years after the church was built, a log schoolhouse and dwelling was erected for the Sunday School teacher on the ground adjoining the church and in this schoolroom the teacher instructed the students in Martin Luther's catechism. On this record the present Sunday School claims to being 151 years old.

Since no bridge spanned the Swatara Creek, those members living on the north side crossed the creek at a ford about  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile to the east of the church. However, in 1834, both congregations contributed \$66.07 toward the building of a flat boat, a great convenience at that time.

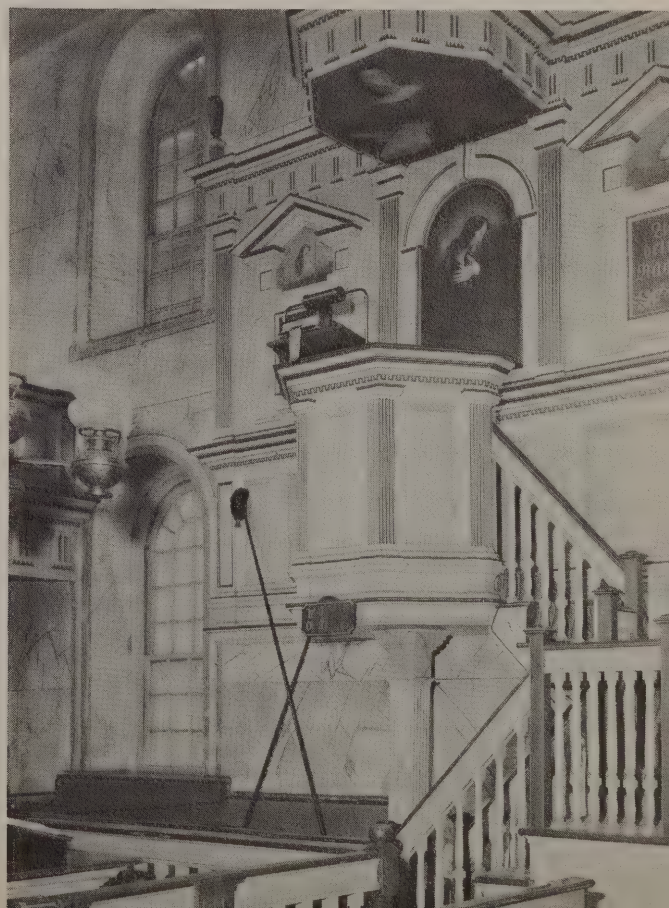
In 1836 two coal stoves were bought at a cost of \$43.32.

Bindnagles could well be called the Mother Church since there are five known congregations whose nucleus in their formation was

made up of Bindnagles members. In 1792 the Campbelltown Lutheran church was formed. In 1801 a group of members migrated to Center County where they organized a congregation at "Emanuel's at the Loop". The Shells congregation was organized some time before 1821. In 1844-45 the severest drain was felt when both the Palm Lutheran and Zions of East Hanover churches were established. Through the years many other members have been added to other congregations.

About 1850, seeing that the daughter churches at Campbelltown and Palmyra had bells to call the worshippers together, Bindnagles built a cupola and a bell was brought from Lebanon by Isaac Weidner and placed therein. It was cast in Meneely's Foundry, West Troy, New York, in 1849. An ancient tintype in the possession of Mrs. Lizzie Reigle shows the cupola to be on the south end of the church. The tintype also shows a picture of Jacob Keller, an ancestor of George Keller of Palmyra.

Rev. J. W. Early, in his history written May 13, 1898, relates an amusing incident which might be classed under today's juvenile delinquent problem. The hero of the tale was "der gross Mike", Big Mike. Being of a family blessed with some means he procured what is known as a Music Box. This musical instrument





plays two or three or possibly four tunes, which were usually not church hymns. "Mike" being proud of his instrument and not desiring time to hang heavily, brought his instrument along to church. As was generally the case in those days, when the people came quite a distance, some would have to wait a considerable time before the preacher arrived. To entertain his friends, the music box was wound and began to play. In the midst of the tune the minister entered the church and sat down under the pulpit. Everybody smiled and some began to titter. The owner saw that something was wrong. He looked up and saw that the minister was there and that all eyes were turned on him and his music box. He became excited. He pressed the catch. It refused to work. There was a click and it struck up another tune. In despair, he asked his neighbor, What shall I do? Put it under your hat, was the suggestion, but the music continued, now sounding like the whir of a threshing machine. Another friend suggested he sit on it, but this did not improve matters and the notes of the march or reel echoed throughout the church. Greatly embarrassed, Big Mike, wrapped the machine in his handkerchief and tossed it out the window. It is certain he never again entertained the occupants of the balcony with his musical machine while waiting for the preacher.

Unknown to many present Bindnagles members, also to many citizens of Palmyra, is the fact that in 1883, one of the industries of Palmyra was an organ factory, located at 316 N. Railroad Street, now a vacant lot beside the property of Clarence H. Baum. A receipt, showing part payment toward the purchase of an organ is as follows: [Bindnagles Church, August 25, 1883. Received of J Fisher, treasurer of Bindnagles Union Sunday School the sum of Seventeen Dollars and Fifty Three cts. (\$17.53) being the balance in his hands, the same being

voted by the School towards the paying of the New Organ. Received by the committee Daniel E. Siegrist, Wm. Early, F. P. Bacastow, Adam M. Keller.] In the back of the organ, under the name of the maker, Galen Hemperly, is the following Certificate of Warranty. This is to certify that style No. 200, Organ No. .... is in every respect a first class instrument and should it, with proper care and use, prove defective in material or construction within FIVE YEARS time, I agree to put it in good repair at my factory or replace it with a new one.

It is not now in playing condition but the Warranty has expired a long time ago.

In 1885, extensive and necessary improvements were made at "Old Bindnagles". A new slate roof was put on the church. The cupola was changed to a pointed steeple, roofed with slate and moved to the north end of the building. The entire outside of the church was painted and bricks lined and decayed parts of the wood-work replaced. The interior which had never seen paint before was also nicely painted and presents a beautiful appearance even yet and is often admired by strangers. The posts supporting the balcony are painted to imitate white marble. The ceiling is painted sky-blue with a large figured centerpiece and figures in each corner. A feature readily noticed is the artistic painting on the walls which are laid out in long blocks, painted to represent Swedish marble. They are a pinkish hue. The painting was done by John Cardell, a Swedish immigrant. The entire cost of all work done at the church at this time was \$769.34.

Of interest to visitors are two old "Klingel-seck", or bell-bags on eight-foot poles, used to collect the offerings. Another unusual item is the handwrought iron lock and key on the center door dated 1803 and made in Lebanon.

In the graveyard adjoining, are the last resting places of many early settlers, one of whom claiming special interest is the grave of Major Palm who founded the town of Palmyra. It might be mentioned that half a dozen Indians who were converted to Christianity are buried in the cemetery under plain brown stones but their names were either too long or unpronounceable to be put on the markers. The very earliest graves have nothing to mark them and all we know is that the fathers sleep somewhere in the cemetery. One of the oldest tombstones of brown sandstone is dated 1774. While the cemetery is marked by an absence of any monuments, the fathers have one monument

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that especially honors them and that is "Old Bindnagles Church"

From its stone foundation to its pointed steeple, Bindnagles, with its pure sweeping lines, looks every inch the majestic Queen Mother it is—"mother" to many "daughter"

churches founded in surrounding communities by its early members. It is a distinct satisfaction to know that Palmyra's early citizens with their rural neighbors left us the Christian heritage symbolized by this temple of Divine worship.





# PALMYRA AREA INDIAN ARCHEOLOGY

By S. S. Farver

Lebanon County includes some of the most beautiful spots in Pennsylvania, and like most other sections of the state, was once the home and hunting ground of Indians. When still in its unspoiled verdant beauty, covered with rich virgin forests of oak, pine, and chestnut, it was a good source of food for the hunter. Even in the most drab winter season such country would be a pleasant home. The streams abounded with fish, and the forest and meadow sheltered deer and all the other game which Indians regarded so highly as sustenance and as source of bodily comfort.

This beautiful scene has passed away and we can now only visualize the old natural splendor as we gaze at what is left. The patches of woodland, the hills and dales with their springs and

silent flowing streams speak of a day that is past; a time when the red man had his habitat among the denizens of the forest. The Indian lived at peace with this scene, but the white man, with old fears of the dark woodland and the spectres of nature, must have each hill and bottom cleared; be everywhere surrounded by the desolation of the axe and plow. However, the Indian even as a passive dweller in nature, has left his mark upon our scenery.

That the County was indeed peopled by Indians for many years is no fanciful theory. They left no written records but Lebanon County has produced as fine, complete, and sizeable collection of Indian artifacts as may be found in any county in the state—fully representing all the recognized time periods in Pennsylvania archaeology, except the historic period. The Indians dropped an almost unbelievable amount of material evidence of their habitation. We find no abundance of trade material, such as gun parts, iron knives and axes, brass kettles, bottles, white clay pipes, and metal scraps of the sort which replaced Indian manufactured goods after about 1660. We do, however, find evidence of the almost indestructible chips, tools, rejectage and pieces of broken implements of flints, jaspers, and quartzites left on their camp and village sites.

Scattered throughout the whole County, a few pieces on every field, we find the finished projectile points spent on the hunt. At least 98% of this material was made and used before any white man had set foot within the County, and much of it was used in extremely early periods, from the earliest fluted point culture from fifteen to twenty thousand years ago down to the late historic period.

We find places where there is a considerable concentration of such refuse from Indian living in a reasonably large area, and we know that such spots were campsites—favorite temporary dwelling places of early Indian hunters. Here they lived while foraging over the surrounding countryside for game, fish, wild plant foods, and materials for their implements. By constant surveys, careful examination, and sometimes excavation, we recover a great deal of information about the old occupants of these sites and





can sometimes discover their hearths, refuse pits, burials, and traces of their dwellings.

There are many more than a hundred such camp sites of these earlier Indian hunters now known in Lebanon County; some very extensive and used for thousands of years, others less conspicuous. Some of these sites yield projectile points and other tools in great variety, indicating they were occupied for many generations. On others we find that all of the projectile points are of the same shape and type, and such "pure" sites were apparently used for only a short time and have only the types of tools which were in use at a single time period. Many of the smallest sites however, produce the distinctive tool types of different time periods—showing that their occupation was not brief or restricted to a single period.

Indian use of camp sites must have been much like our own. When we find an ideal spot we return in later years and leave the same types of rejectage—tin cans, bottles, .22 calibre cartridges, paper-and-brass shotgun shells. Our grandfathers camping on the same site may have dropped gunflints, brass buttons, and flask fragments. Such a site would be a "mixed" site, with two or more periods of occupation. Indian sites can be interpreted and analyzed in the same way, and their camp sites contain artifacts which contrast as strongly. Now suppose that a tourist from Ohio visits our favorite camp and leaves his luncheon rubbish with different bottles, cans with different brand labels, and similar material from another area. In the same way Indians who came from other sections left non-local materials on their campsites, and these can generally be traced back to their source.

There are at least a dozen Indian sites in sight from the high point just behind Sunset Market, outside of Lebanon. Four of these are along the stream flowing parallel to Route 63 to Freeport Mills, where there are three more. Along the Blue Mountain quite a few of them have been found, while at Indiantown Gap we have found the remains of at least one Indian hut. Facing south from the high point, we have one site at Ben Hovers, at Sand Hill; and several on the Quittapahilla. In the Cornwall sector there are at least three sites. At one of them one redskin died later than 1600 A.D., for the material from his last resting place includes an Indian pipe and glass beads and other European ornaments.

In the late periods, probably after 1200 A.D., most Indians led a sedentary farming life in

small villages. Fragments of Indian pottery are frequent on such late sites and tiny plain triangular arrowpoints are the most common tools. The Lebanon Valley near Palmyra has three village sites of this period, none of which seem to have been occupied after the white man entered the county.

It seems strange that the Lebanon Valley with its fertile soils, fish laden streams, and rich hunting grounds, should have so many ancient sites and yet yield so little evidence of late Indian villages, and so little trace of Indians of the Colonial Period. This is in part due to the extremely long history of Indian life in these parts, and late periods represent only a time fraction of the time involved. However, the late village sites seem to have been clustered in the Susquehanna and Delaware valleys, and not distributed on smaller streams.

History may give us the answer to this situation. The Susquehanna River Valley, was occupied by the numerous and warlike Susquehannocks or Minquas, and they were dangerous



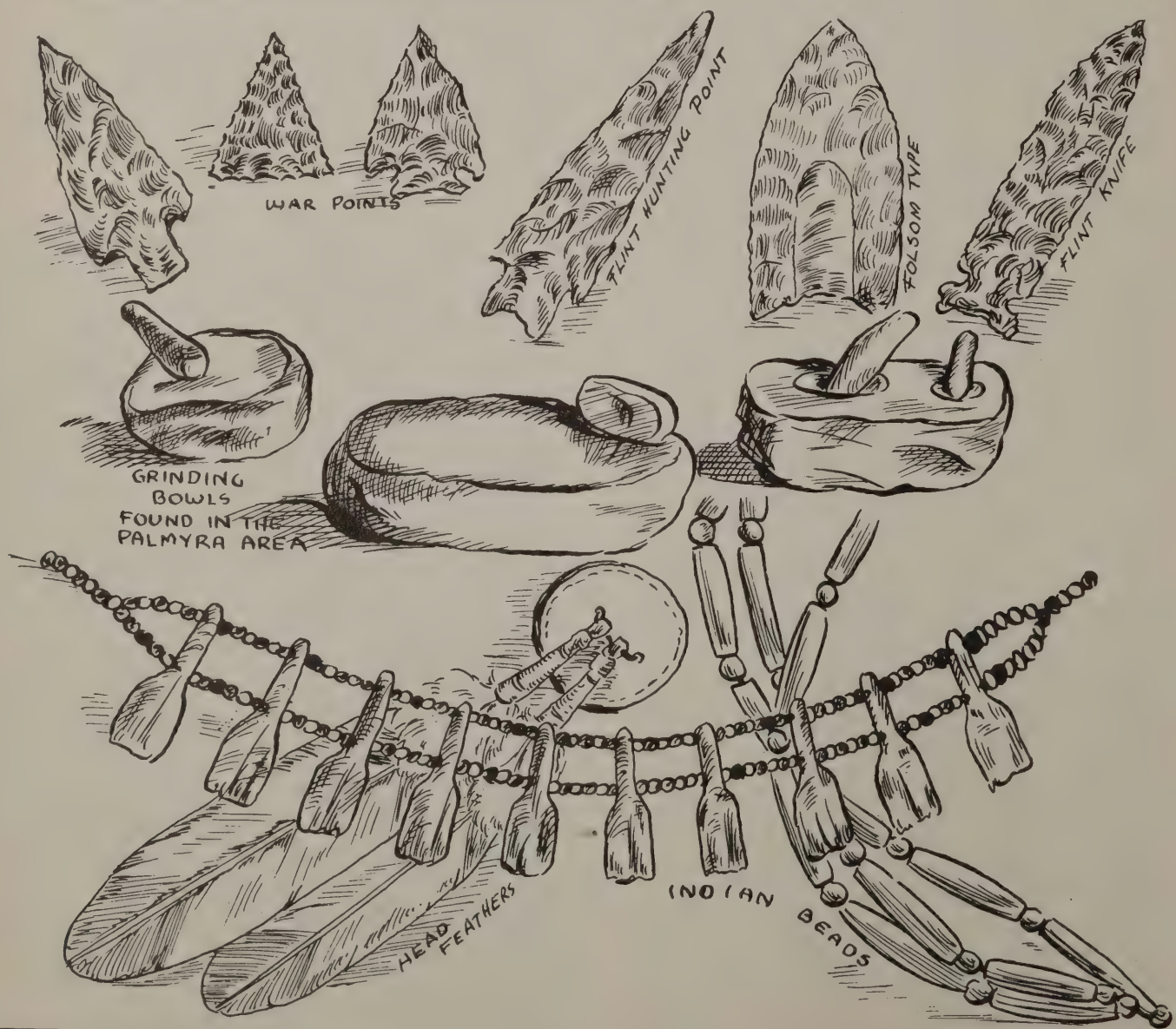


neighbors to any other Indian groups. In 1633 they were sending war parties to the Delaware Valley to harrass the Delaware villages, and in the same period were waging war on the Seneca and Cayuga in New York. Lebanon Valley and its surroundings represented a hunting territory and buffer area between dominant nations, and few villages were established in such a dangerous region.

In 1705, upon request of Manangy, a chief of the Schuylkill Indians, Governor Evans gave permission to the Conoys, who originally came from Maryland, to remove from the Susquehanna and settle among the Schuylkill Indians on the Tulpehocken. (*Colonial Records*, Vol. 11, P. 191.) This village is supposed to have been near Womelsdorf, but has not yet been located

on the ground. Doubtless, these Conoy used one of the east-west trails through the County on their migration; probably that from the Susquehanna on the north side of Conewago Creek, continuing along the foothills of the South Mountain to Womelsdorf.

The Womelsdorf area has been thoroughly investigated and studied, and we find that the artifacts indicate an earlier period occupation. We now have conclusive evidence and proof that these Indians who migrated from the Conoy Town on Susquehanna in 1705, located at Myers-town on an abandoned old site. The pottery, tools, and ornaments compare favorably with the material recovered when we excavated the Conoy Town and burials, on the Conoy Creek at Bainbridge, Pa.





# MEMORIES OF OLD HOME WEEKS OF 1910 AND 1935

By Robert E. Hartz

Palmyra's Sesqui-Centennial was celebrated September 4-10, 1910, and it marked the closing horse and buggy days. On July 22, 1910, State Policeman Edward Hallissey, of Carlisle, was in this vicinity investigating the Zellers horse theft at Palmyra on Thursday of the previous week. Hallissey urged that in view of the many horse thefts in this county in recent years, the farmers here organize a horse thief detective association, similar to organizations in effective operation in Lancaster and Chester counties for many years.

In 1911 the town had two veterinary surgeons: Dr. J. N. Becker and Dr. D. K. Light. The former also had a well established infirmary where sick horses were given special attention.

One blacksmith shop, operated by A. L. Demuth, was located at the rear of the Eagle Hotel; repair work was his specialty. Henry Hartz, W. Main Street, specialized in horse shoeing, as did H. H. Garman, N. College street.

Harness shops were operated by B. F. Weaver and John P. Seltzer. Two carriage manufacturing plants for the manufacture of new vehicles and repair work were operated by George Brunner and Jacob Miller. Livery stables were owned by Fred Zeller and M. K. Geiseman, providing teams for hire.

However, there were forty automobiles in

Palmyra the same year, and after the automobile parade during Old Home Week, thirteen owners met to organize the Palmyra Automobile Club. A garage had been opened for business in 1909 by F. R. Moyer, E. Main Street.

The town was thrilled by a news release in the "Palmyra Record" of October 6, 1910. Dr. S. D. Bashore had been seen "flying through the town on his motorcycle before he purchased a Ford. Recently he had the machine overhauled and put into excellent condition by John Wolf of Lebanon, and entered it in the Lancaster Fair, cleaning up everything that came his way." The cycle was ridden by William Lineaweaver and in the fifteen mile race came in first, taking a valuable diamond pin, the first prize. In the following two five mile races it did the same thing and captured two gold watches, the first prize in these races. "Doc" was proud of his Indian motorcycle.

The first official words of Old Home Week were spoken by Rev. George W. Richards, pastor of Christ Lutheran Church, Lancaster, at the "Home-Comers' Service." "I congratulate you, the people of Palmyra, upon the energy and enthusiasm you have shown in your preparation for the eventful week, which this Holy Day ushers in. The fame of this celebration, as it spreads far and wide, should add new industries to the goodly number you already possess,

Pennsylvania's Governor Stewart and party with the Hon. G. H. Moyer, 1910 Old Home Week Chairman, at his residence (Now home of Dr. and Mrs. C. P. Marbarger). Mrs. Moyer at his left and Miss Myrle Turby at his right.





bring about a great increase in your population and pour into your bosom a larger measure of prosperity.

Local employment, work in the Hershey Chocolate plant, and in other Lebanon County communities, aided in fulfilling this prophecy by the time the second gala Old Home Week was observed, July 4-7, 1935. Indications of growth were in evidence during the 1910 celebration itself. The Gas Company was laying mains. A news release follows: "Pipe is being unloaded daily at the Palmyra station and distributed on the various streets on which the lines will be run."



Meeting the Governor—1910.



Crowds gathered at the Eagle Hotel—1910.



Sergeant Jacob A. Loose, Co. "E," 17th Regiment, Penna. Volunteer Cavalry, Sept. 19, 1862-June 16, 1865. Marshall of 1910 Old Home Week parade.

In 1910 fourteen trains were scheduled for stops at Palmyra, and the Hershey Chocolate Company advertised "Trolley leaves for Hershey every hour." Trolley service was also in operation from Lebanon.

Work on the Berks and Dauphin Turnpike was completed in 1817. This is the present Highway, Route 422.

John Ramler, now deceased, who lived on Rural 1, Palmyra, told of the locally owned covered wagons bringing goods to merchants along the line from Philadelphia. He told of one driver who took fat bulls tied back of the wagon, to butchers in Philadelphia, and usually had a bull dog with him for protection.

Route No. 422, Main Street in Palmyra, was certainly no modern road until 1926 when a Road Dedication program marked the completion of the concrete road.

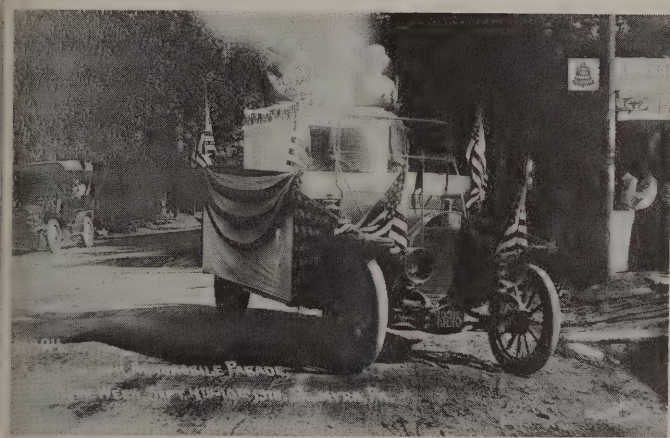
The Rev. P. B. Gible, D.D., editor of the 1935 Old Home Week historical volume, wrote in part in the "Forward": "The citizens of Palmyra in the year 1910 discovered the value of cooperative effort in community advancement. The Old Home Week celebration of twenty-five years ago was undertaken with a good deal of trepidation but with faith that the venture would meet with success. The American people with the people of the rest of the world have in the meantime passed from the old order of things to the threshold of a new era . . . Our hearts and our homes are open to all who may come within our borders."



The Iroquois Band passing in review—1910.



A. B. Stauffer Automobile Parade—1910.



Wood Work Mfg. Co. Float—1910  
Civic Parade.



A. C. Ober Hardware Float—1910.







The Automobile Parade in formation—1910.

Hershey Chocolate Co. parades its new trucks.



HERSHEY CHOCOLATE CO. DISPLAY, CIVIC PARADE, PALMYRA, PA.  
OLD HOME WEEK, SEPT. 4<sup>TH</sup>-10<sup>TH</sup> 1910.



Thousands of visitors in 1910.

1910 Queen Passes the Reviewing stand.





# PALMYRA AUTO CLUB



Back Row, left to right: Dorothy M. Horst, Catherine Burkholder, Dorothy H. Baker, Hilda G. Flick, Jane R. Farver.

Front Row: Frank D. Horst, Gladys L. Miller, James L. Seltzer, Alice E. Hallman, George H. Seltzer.

The Palmyra Lebanon County Automobile Club takes a special interest in Palmyra's 200th Anniversary Celebration because it, too, is celebrating a birthday—50 years of service to the motorist and the community.

Started as a social organization back in the “duster and goggles” days of 1910 with 13 members, the Palmyra Lebanon County Automobile Club this year entered its second half-century of progress with a membership of 22,009.

The coincidence of birthday celebrations is easily understood when one considers that formation of the Club was inspired by a parade of automobile owners in Palmyra's 1910 Old Home Week Celebration. It was a small beginning of what, today, is Lebanon Valley's largest civic organization and one which, through the years, has fought for road improvements, legislative activities on behalf of motorists, and to provide services and benefits, not only for its members but for all car owners and users.

The first meeting of the Club on September 30, 1910, was conducted by temporary chairman A. G. Stauffer. Dr. S. D. Bashore was chosen as first president, with A. S. Stauffer as vice president; O. A. Stauffer, secretary; E. S. Basehore, assistant secretary; A. G. Stauffer, treasurer. The first board of directors was composed of D. U. Landis, J. A. Schriver, W. H. Kreider, George Greiner, J. A. Loose, George Ferry, Melchior Ricker, John Basehore, George Gingrich and G. H. Moyer.

The year 1910 was not so long ago, but it was the “good old days” of automobiling. Members garbed in goggles and dusters left Palmyra for Harrisburg, Rockville, Dauphin, Early's Mill and Grantville at 1 p.m., October 25, 1910. There were seventeen cars in line and each bore a blue and gold Palmyra Auto Club pennant.

Today, if the Palmyra Lebanon County Auto Club's members were to line up their cars, bumper to bumper for a sociability run with number one car in the Palmyra square, it is estimated that the last car would be somewhere near the western extremity of the city of Philadelphia.

Newspaper accounts of early sociability runs mention the names of prominent citizens and the names of the cars making up the caravans. Some of the popular cars at that time were Interstate, Overland, Ford, Maxwell and Baby Buick.

But sociability runs were not the only thought in the minds of the charter members of the Palmyra Lebanon County Automobile Club. The early annals of the Club are made up in large part of the doings of the road and legal committees. Fight, fight and more fight for much-needed and better roads—friendly warnings and legal actions against turnpike companies and road supervisors—defense of members whom magistrates were trying to victimize—court fights for abolition of early toll roads—an intensely interesting story of young motordom experiencing its growing pains.



In 1912 George U. Ferry became president, a position he held continuously until his death in 1956, at which time the current president, Samuel S. Farver, took over. Secretaries who have served the organization are: O. A. Stauffer, Enos S. Bashore, A. G. Stauffer, D. J. Grace and the present secretary, Frank D. Horst whose association with the Club dates back 25 years to the first day on which Palmyra celebrated its 175th birthday in July, 1935.

### Change Name

Chartered and incorporated under the name of Palmyra Automobile Club, the non-profit organization was known by this name until 1940, at which time the membership of the old Lebanon County Motor Club was absorbed. Thereafter, the combined organizations were known as the Palmyra Lebanon County Automobile Club, Inc.

### Charter Members

Two of the original 33 charter members are living today, both of them still members of the Club and both residing in Palmyra. They are Enos Bashore and George Gingrich.

Among those performing outstanding service to the organization are President Farver who, for many years (while first vice-president) acted as membership chairman; Warren M. Stauffer of Myerstown (now deceased), who enrolled more members in the organization than any other member, and George U. Ferry who, for almost 46 years, devoted much of his spare time to the affairs of the Club and the welfare of its members.

### Seventh Largest Club

Today the Palmyra Lebanon County Automobile Club is the 7th largest of 56 AAA Clubs in Pennsylvania; 60th in size among more than 700 AAA Clubs and branches in the United States. The local club also has the proud distinction of being one of the few clubs in the

United States with more than half of the registered car owners in its territory enrolled as members. Evidence of the fact that members get and appreciate their service is borne by the fact that consistently, year after year, better than 95% of their members renew their affiliation.

### Present Officers

The present officers and directors of the club are as follows: President, Samuel S. Farver; 1st vice-president, H. Guy Kreider; 2nd vice-president, Daniel Leib; treasurer, John L. Flory; secretary-manager, Frank D. Horst; assistant secretary, George H. Seltzer; field secretary, Reily S. Dubbs.

Directors are: Mervin F. Boyer, Peter W. Marks, Lebanon; Walter Breckenmaker, Hummelstown; John C. Heisey, Harry A. Smith, Palmyra; Adam J. Shirk, Jonestown; George G. Schroll, Hershey; and D. Ellis Zimmerman, Annville.

Headquarters in Palmyra is staffed, in addition to manager Horst and his assistant, Seltzer, by Catherine Burkholder, Jane R. Farver, Hilda G. Flick, Alice E. Hallman, Dorothy M. Horst, Gladys L. Miller and James L. Seltzer. The Lebanon Branch Office, at 334 N. 9th St., is managed by Dorothy H. Baker, assisted by Mae M. Holler and Anna M. Hasson.

The purposes of the Palmyra Lebanon Club have not changed materially in the fifty years of its existence. Promoting the cause of good roads and safety on the highways, opposing unfair taxes and unfair laws affecting motorists, providing personal services to members, at the same time doing everything possible to add to the traveler's pleasure, safety and convenience, are now—as always—the primary aims of the club.

A goal of 23,000 members has been set by the club for January 1, 1961.

A "sociability run" of 25 Palmyra Automobile Club members to Chambersburg, in 1921, is pictured here during one of their 10-mile-interval stops to re-group. Heading the line is a 1920 Reo Sedan—the "pace" car—owned and driven by club director George W. Horstick.

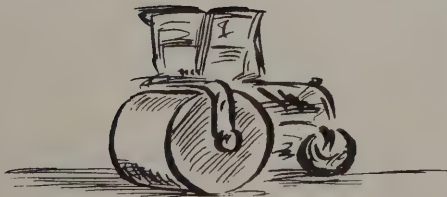




# MUNICIPAL *Palmyra*



Palmyra Borough Hall



"We have been taught to regard a representative of the people as a sentinel on the watchtower of liberty."

Daniel Webster



# PALMYRA POLICE DEPT.

Guarding Palmyra residents' safety and property is the efficient police force headed by William L. Wert as Chief. The police force is reinforced with modern radio controlled equipment on twenty-four hour duty. Year after year this fine group has been cited for its outstanding work in protecting the children and citizens of Palmyra. There are four patrolmen: Harold Mann, Marlin Meily, Charles Witman, and James Bordlemay—all operating under Civil Service.

Heading this department is one of Palmyra's outstanding citizens: A. D. Gruber, Burgess.

## BURGESSES OF PALMYRA

Charles K. Witmer

1914—1917

Amos Snavelly

1918—1921

T. Frank Ream

1922—1925

James J. Rodgers

1926—1929

H. U. Landis

1930—1934

George C. Kennedy

1935—1942

H. U. Landis

1943—1945



CHIEF WERT AND BURGESS  
GRUBER RECEIVING ONE  
OF PALMYRA'S NUMEROUS  
SAFETY AWARDS

Amos Snavelly

1946—1950

Jay W. Kradly

1951—1954

Carlton H. Grace

1955—1956

A. D. Gruber

1957—



CHIEF WILLIAM L. WERT, MARLIN MEILY,  
HAROLD MANN, CHARLES WITMAN, JAMES BORDLEMAY



# BOROUGH COUNCIL



Left to Right: Hugh O. Imboden, Russel S. Wagner, Jacob K. Lehman, Archie D. Gruber, James L. Atkins, Light S. Wagner, Homer E. Donmoyer, Roy L. Bomgardner, Bernice Hampton, Paul L. Myer, Charles Clark, Mark H. Koble.

The Borough Council of Palmyra was organized with the incorporation of the Borough, November 10, 1913. The first burgess was Charles Witmer and the first meeting held in a room in what was then known as the Greiner Building—the present site of the Valley Trust Co.

A far-sighted Council, seeing the great need for added facilities and the opportunity to combine municipal operations, purchased the "Kreider Mansion" on East Main Street. With very little remodelling the Police Department, Jail, Council Chambers, Offices of the Highway Department, Borough Manager, Sewage Department; Town Library, and Scout meeting rooms were all adequately housed under one roof. What was so well known as "Kreider's Orchard" is now a public picnic ground and recreation area.

Down through the years our borough officials have been ever zealous in their desire to protect the residents of Palmyra and have constantly sought ways of helping to sponsor civic improvements of all kinds. To this group

of public-spirited men must go much of the credit for making this community a very desirable place in which to live.

## Council Presidents

A. B. Carper  
1914—1915

W. M. Kreider  
1916—1921

F. R. Moyer  
1922—1927

Cyrus F. Zimmerman  
1928—1929

G. M. Horstick  
1930—1937

S. E. Meyer  
1938—1939

A. D. Gruber  
1940—1948

H. Jack Seltzer  
1949—1956

Clyde P. Stacks  
1956—1957

Light S. Wagner  
1958—





**BOROUGH HALL:**  
Center of all Municipal  
activities.



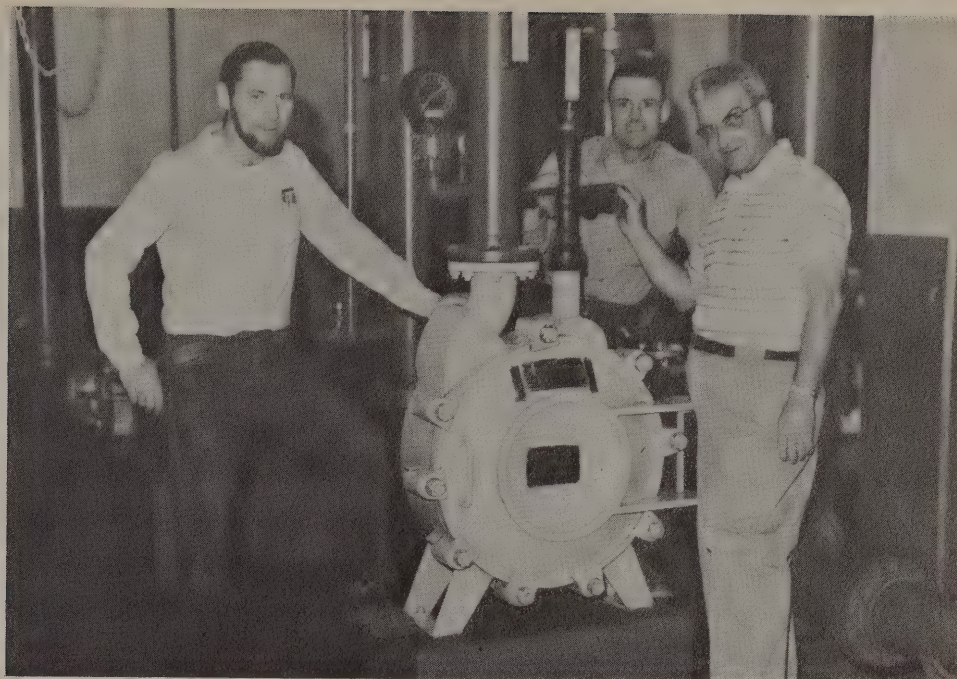
**PALMYRA DEPARTMENT  
OF HIGHWAYS**



**DEPARTMENT  
OF SANITATION**



PALMYRA  
DEPARTMENT  
OF SEWAGE



MUNICIPAL  
PLAYGROUND AND  
PICNIC AREA

PALMYRA  
LIBRARY—  
BOROUGH HALL





# PALMYRA AUTHORITY



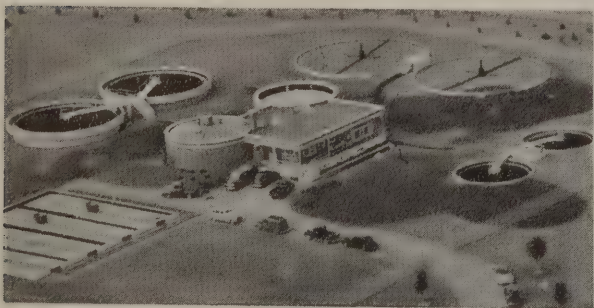
PALMYRA AUTHORITY: Col. C. C. Foltz, Thomas O. Pratt, Earl S. Smith, Donald G. Speece, Albert B. Bubb, Bernice Hampton.

Palmyra citizens are justly proud of their latest major improvement; the planning and constructing of one of the finest and most modern Sanitary Sewer Systems in the east.

This accomplishment has been made possible by the formation of the Palmyra Borough Authority, created by an ordinance enacted by the Palmyra Borough Council and incorporated under the Municipality Authorities Act of 1945. an act of the General Assembly of the

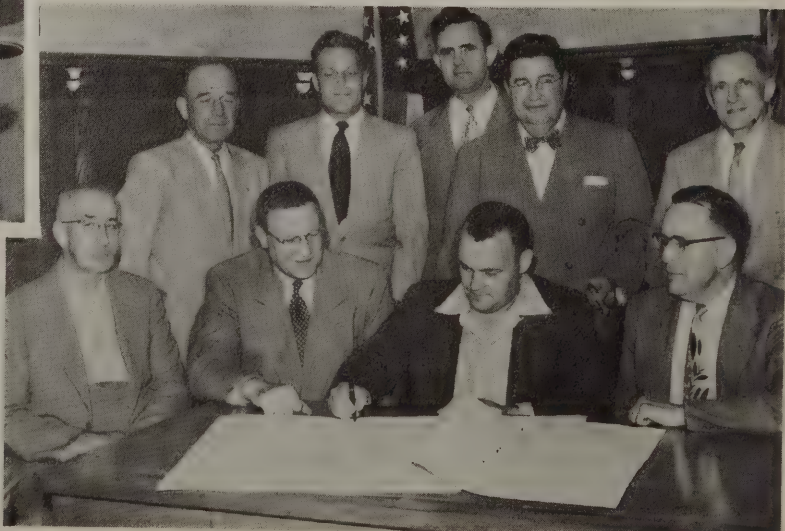
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, date of incorporation, January 12, 1954.

Glace and Glace, Harrisburg, are consulting engineers; James L. Atkins, Palmyra, Solicitor; Townsend, Elliot and Munson, Philadelphia, Bond Counsel; Rambo, Close and Kerner, Inc., Philadelphia, and Ira Haupt and Co., New York, Principal Underwriters. Sewer revenue bonds were issued on June 1, 1954, in the principal amount of \$2,150,000.



DISPOSAL PLANT

ORIGINAL AUTHORITY SIGNING THE AGREEMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW SYSTEM.





# BOARD OF HEALTH



PAUL H. IRVIN, DR. RAYMOND R. CURANZY,  
WELDON L. MANNING, GRANT T. CUSTER

On March 9, 1914, after Palmyra was incorporated as a Borough and a council was selected, a Board of Health was appointed by A. B. Carper, first Council President. Mr. Carper chose George M. Horstick, Alvin S. Bowman, David U. Landis, Dr. D. S. Bordner, and David S. Stauffer—their terms ranging from one to five years in the order given.

George Horstick lived on a farm, the buildings of which still stand at the corner of W. Cherry and S. Horstick Streets. Three of his daughters still living today are Mrs. Georgianna McCafferty, Mrs. Catherine Hosler, and Mrs. Dorothy Steinmetz.

Alvin S. Bowman, Justice of the Peace, lived and had his offices at 144 N. Railroad Street, the present home of the Palm Press. His son, Ray Bowman, is a local mail carrier and is well known as a historian of Lebanon County.

David U. Landis was president of the J. Landis Shoe Co. at the northwest corner of Broad and Chestnut Streets. He built and lived in the home situated on the northwest corner of Main and Grant Streets. His son, Harold Landis, who died suddenly in December, 1959, occupied the property.

Dr. D. S. Bordner, a physician, had his offices at 223 E. Main Street. His son, Stanton M. Bordner, is a dentist and lives in Atlanta, Ga.

David S. Stauffer was in the paper box business with A. B. Carper, the Borough's first pres-

ident of Council. This business is now owned and operated by S. E. Meyer Sons Inc. on W. Front Street. Mr. Stauffer built and resided in the home now occupied by Dr. Harold Engle at 322 E. Main Street. Mr. Stauffer now resides at 520 S. Ninth Street, Lebanon.

Dr. Bordner was elected as the first President and Alvin Bowman served as the first Secretary of the newly formed Board of Health. The organizational meeting was held at D. S. Stauffer's home. It was decided by the Board to rent a room in the Lauck Building for the permanent meeting place. This building is now owned by E. M. Keeney, and is located at the northwest corner of S. Chestnut and E. South Avenue. This building was originally erected for a shoe factory. A. B. Horst was elected as the first Health Officer at \$50.00 per year. The secretary received \$24.00 per annum. Meetings were held weekly for the first four months and monthly thereafter, as is done now.

The present Board consists of Dr. Raymond Curanzy, President; Weldon L. Manning, a barber, as Secretary; Grant T. Custer, a teacher, and Paul Irvin, a television serviceman. Dr. Harry H. Hanshaw, a veterinarian, is Health Officer, and Richard Beemer, employed in the office of a Trucking Association, is Sanitation Officer. The present Board modernized the Health Ordinances into the present Ordinance No. 245.



# PALMYRA POST OFFICE



Of importance in the growth of every community is the Post Office and those who serve their neighbors and friends through it. On April 1, 1804, a post office was established in this area, then known as Palmstown. When John Ernest took office as postmaster on October 1, 1810, the name was changed to Palmyra.

During the administration of Martin Early the following improvement in mail service was made. On June 2, 1883, a direct pouch dispatched from Harrisburg at 4:00 a.m. arrived at Palmyra at 6:00 a.m. containing mail posted at Philadelphia and New York at 6:00 p.m. the previous evening. Few towns had such facilities as did this populace of 700.

On the morning of November 1, 1912, Palmyra became one of the first of the smaller communities in the United States to have city delivery service. Homer E. Shiffler and Elmer H. Gingrich were the carriers and Frank E. Hartz, father of Robert E. Hartz, was the postmaster.

The Post Office operated in rented quarters for 135 years and on May 29, 1939, with Alfred Yeiser as postmaster, it was moved into the present structure, owned and maintained by the federal government.

As the community and its industries grew, so too did the Post Office. It advanced from 4th class to 3rd class to 2nd class and finally on July 1, 1949, having attained the required receipts, it became a 1st class office during the

tenure of Israel B. Earley.

Palmyra Postmasters—(record incomplete).

William Palm, April 1, 1804, September 30, 1807; Daniel Wonderlick, October 1, 1807, September 30, 1809; Michael Simpson, October 1, 1809, September 30, 1810; John Ernest, October 1, 1810, March 30, 1815; Adam Kettering, April 1, 1815—; Conrad Horstick, January 20, 1832—; Peter Rodearmel, August 11, 1842, November 13, 1849.

(The record from 1815 to 1842 is incomplete).

Samuel Houck, November 14, 1849, June 28, 1853; Christian Hoffer, June 29, 1853, July 2, 1857; Thomas Kramer, July 3, 1857, August 15, 1858; Samuel Thome, August 16, 1858, April 4, 1861; John Stauffer, April 5, 1861, March 7, 1865; Jerome Deininger, March 8, 1865, March 26, 1866; Joseph Brightbill, March 27, 1866, May 11, 1869; Daniel Nye, May 12, 1869, December 26, 1875; Martin Early, December 27, 1875, September 8, 1885; John Henry, September 9, 1885, July 25, 1889; Samuel Darkes, July 26, 1889, August 4, 1893; John Henry, August 5, 1893, August 2, 1897; Cyrus F. Zimmerman, August 3, 1897, December 31, 1907; Frank E. Hartz, January 1, 1908, April 6, 1916; George N. Grumbein, April 7, 1916, March 18, 1925; Theodore E. Lerch, March 19, 1925, July 19, 1933; Alfred Yeiser, July 20, 1933, June 10, 1940; Israel B. Earley, June 11, 1940, January 10, 1955; Irvin K. Farnsler, January 11, 1955, June 28, 1956; and Charles M. Manwiller, June 29, 1956—.



# CITIZENS' FIRE COMPANY



Roy Kreiser, Sr., Chief Engineer; Ralph Snyder, Vice-President; Russel Barr, Treasurer, Rev. Lester Updegrove, Chaplain; Harry Sauley, Trustee; Galen Kuhns, Financial Secretary; Roy Kreiser, Jr., Recording Secretary; Lloyd Martin, Chief; Edgar Teahl, 2nd Asst. Chief; Edgar Berkheimer, 1st Asst. Chief; Carl Snavely, President, Adam Beam, Trustee; Luther Swartz, Trustee, Harold Lebo, Asst. Engineer.

On May 9, 1891, a meeting was held to organize a company which seven days later received by ballot taken the name of the Citizens' Fire Company. At that meeting the following officers were elected: President J. M. Bordner; Vice President, W. H. Kreider; Secretary, John B. Witmer; Treasurer, S. H. Bowman; Chief Engineer, Owen J. Seibert; 1st Asst. Wm. Bates; 2nd Asst. B. F. Y. Graeff; Hook and Ladder Men; Samuel Lehn, Peter Kreiser, and William H. Turby; Enginemen: Wm. Brehm, Jacob Snyder, and Joseph Snyder; Nozzlemen: John Shiffler, J. A. Kramer and David Kelchner; Trustees: Jacob Landis, A. L. Lessley and Samuel D. Ulrich. On that date seventeen persons became members of the organization. Their names are as follows: O. J. Seibert, S. H. Bowman, John B. Witmer, Jos. D. Snyder, B. F. Y. Graeff, D. L. Kelchner, W. H. Turby, W. K. Brunner, M. D. Landis, J. K. Shiffler, Samuel Ulrich, Wm. W. Elliot, S. B. Kiefer, A. L. Lessley, Jacob Landis, F. L. Conrad, Frank E. Hartz.

The statement appearing at various times that Palmyra was without fire protection prior to 1891 should be qualified to read, without

adequate fire protection. While there is no written record of the place of meeting, of organization, or activities, the older citizens have handed down the information that attempts were made, as in all similar small communities, to protect property against the ravage of fire.

An authentic map of Lebanon County, having on it a detail of the town of Palmyra, which was published in the year 1860, identifies an "engine house". It was located in the five hundred block of Main Street at the rear of the building which is occupied by E. S. Youse Auto Parts store and the former location of Kaylor's Service Station. This clearly shows that Palmyra had some sort of fire protection. Even long before, there may have been a mechanized means of fighting fire, the use of the bucket brigade gave some protection. It is reported that later a second-hand pump was purchased and in use. The home of this pump and other fire fighting property which the citizens may have had, no doubt, were stored in this building known as the "Engine House".

The meetings which led to the organization of the company were held in the Lessley Coach





## FIRE POLICE

Works. In the organization meetings held there, action was taken which resulted in the purchase of a permanent site for the newly organized company. On December 8, 1891 a plot of ground was purchased from S. L. Gingrich for the sum of \$300. During the spring of 1892 a frame fire house, 32 x 60 feet was erected on this lot.

On January 7, 1919, a committee was appointed to investigate the advisability of purchasing and remodeling the old High School Building on College Street for use as a fire house. After hearing the report of the committee the project was voted down. At a special meeting held November 14, 1920, it was agreed by all present that since the Old Fire House was inadequate and greatly in need of repairs, a new engine house shall be erected. Thereupon the President appointed a committee of thirteen members to devise means of raising a Building Fund. The first step toward that end was a rummage sale from which the sum of \$625.00 was realized.

During May, 1922 a Building Committee was appointed with instructions to have plans drawn for a new building. A Building Committee was appointed consisting of: Abner Hostetter, Wm. H. Miller, David P. Balmer, M. L. Baldwin, Cleveland Flory, John F. Reist, Sr., Irvin Boyer. By October, 1923, the new building was ready for dedication, which event took place on the 27th of that month. The Committee on Dedication and Housing consisted of

S. S. Farver, L. O. Smith, and S. C. Baum. A firemen's parade and the second convention of the Lebanon County Firemen's Association were held in connection with the dedicatory ceremonies. President S. S. Farver presided at these ceremonies, and the orators for the day were the Hon. G. H. Moyer who became a member of the company February 9, 1892, and the Hon. E. E. Beidleman, at the time President of the Pennsylvania State Firemen's Association. The new building cost approximately \$18,000.

After a fire involving a dwelling on W. Main Street the old hand pump broke down, whereupon its use was abandoned. The last that is known of it is that it was used for domestic purposes by Conrad Horstick on his farm in the western part of the borough.

At a meeting preliminary to the permanent organization meeting, held March 14, 1891, a sum of \$400 was subscribed toward the purchase of apparatus. At the meeting one week later, this sum was increased to \$681.75. At this meeting the purchasing committee was instructed to go to Myerstown to see a chemical engine. Later in the same month cash subscriptions had reached a total of \$723.75, and on April 4, action was taken which resulted in the purchasing of a self acting chemical engine. In 1903 another double tank chemical engine was added to the equipment, this being a 100 gallon capacity purchased from the Baltimore Fire Dept. In August, 1917 the com-





## EARLY EQUIPMENT

pany purchased a Republic double tank chemical and hose truck fully equipped at a cost of \$3,000 which was housed with appropriate ceremonies. The company's equipment was further augmented on April 19, 1923 when a new triple combination Stutz Pumper was purchased at a cost of \$12,500. This pumper was dedicated in connection with the ceremonies for the new engine house.

After hearing the report of a committee on December 2, 1930, the company authorized the purchase of a Hahn 350 G.P.M. pumper with booster tank and hose body, also a Hahn city service truck with hose body and chemical and ladders up to fifty feet. These two Hahn trucks were delivered March 25, 1931 and approved by the Underwriters Association April 1, 1931. They cost the company \$7,200.

In January of 1950 the company took unanimous action authorizing the purchase of a new fire truck to supplement the older equipment.

Pursuant to this authorization, a truck purchase committee was appointed with power to act: This committee consisting of Herbert Baum, Chairman; W. B. Kaylor, K. B. Light, Howard Geiger, Hugh O. Imboden, and Carl Snively. The committee, after carefully studying various types of trucks, entered into contract with the Mack Truck Company to furnish a 750 gallon pumper. This truck was scheduled for delivery and housing to be held in conjunction with the 28th annual convention of the Lebanon County Firemen's Association held in Palmyra June 17, 1950.

With the delivery in June of 1950, of a Mack 750 G.P.M. pumper with a 285 gallon booster tank, portable light plant, one thousand feet of 2½" hose, one dozen pairs of boots, one dozen helmets and one dozen coats, the stage was set for what turned out to be the most complete rebuilding program in the history of the company. The cost of this unit was \$18,990.00.

Along about the time the new apparatus was ordered, the company hit upon a plan to raise funds, other than the regular donations and appropriations and fund drives; which is carried out to this day for nine months out of the year. This method proved to be so successful that the company started to operate in the black for probably the first time in its history.

As luck would have it, the core of the crew that started this program held together and gained in strength through the years. Finally in the face of many adversities, the Citizens'

## MODERN EQUIPMENT





Fire Company pushed ahead and developed into one of the finest companies in this area.

With the help of the annual truck fund drives and the help of the Ladies Auxiliary, plus additional appropriations, the company again bought more equipment and made repairs to the fire house.

After delivery of the first Mack, which was paid for by June, 1951, the interior of the building was painted through the efforts of the Auxiliary. The company replaced all the lights in the building with fluorescent fixtures, bought a new Hale portable FZZ pump at a cost of \$475.00, and installed a new auxiliary standby light plant in the building at a cost of \$1,200.

In 1954 it was planned to purchase a combination ladder truck and pumper—commonly called Cities Service Truck. A committee was formed, specifications drawn up, and the order was placed with the Mack Co. Delivery was made in December of 1954, at a cost of \$21,342. The Mack 750 G.P.M. pump was purchased with the idea of standardizing the equipment—making it easier to train operators.

In 1955 the Hahn ladder truck and Stutz Pumper were disposed of for \$540.00 and the money put into the truck fund.

Radios were purchased from Motorola, Inc., for the trucks and a base station was installed, with remote control, in the house in the rear of the Fire House. This was done through Civil Defense with the company sharing the cost of the installation. This amounted to \$2,000.

In 1956 the borough bought a new air raid siren and requested permission to install it in our building. After rebuilding the bell tower to stand the load, the siren was placed there with the help of several of the crew at a cost of close to \$500.

With so much equipment on hand and the pumpers loaded to capacity, it was decided to

purchase a walk-in type truck, to be used as a squad and rescue truck. The American Legion Band truck was purchased in 1956 for this use and that need was filled. The cost of the 1951 Chevrolet truck was \$800.

Five Scott Air Paks were purchased in 1957 and 1958. Again in 1958 and 1959 the Fire Company made plans to replace the obsolete 1931 Hahn 350 G.P.M. pumper with a one thousand gallon pumper. Through years of experience it was learned that as far as possible it was most necessary to standardize all equipment for efficiency of operation and that goal is gradually being attained. In December of 1959, Mack Trucks, Inc. delivered a unit with 1,000 feet of 2½" hose, 350 feet of 1½" hose, front suction intake, boots, coats, helmets and portable deck gun. All this at a cost of \$21,884. Just prior to the delivery of the new truck the engineers removed and installed the radio from the Hahn pumper into the new squad truck. A new mobile radio was ordered and installed in the new apparatus and 2 new portable radios and one power voice megaphone was purchased to add to the present equipment.

Another innovation which has greatly added to the excellent service the Fire Company gives the residents of Palmyra is the use of the services of Mrs. Galen Kuntz who lives in the rear of the Palmyra Fire House. She is on duty twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week taking calls for fire and ambulance service. She also schedules the drivers who are on call for emergencies, as well as the registered and first aid nurses. In case of air raids she sounds the alert and contacts the Civil Defense Police.

Some of the added services to the Community, beside fire protection, include the annual Palmyra High School Football Banquet, at which time the boys are honored for their efforts at a banquet prepared by the Ladies Auxiliary. This has been an annual affair since 1952. The Fire Company also sponsored the town Halloween Parade for six years.

Over the years the Citizens Fire Company has faithfully served our community and at this writing plans are going forward for further perfecting their service to the town. Efforts are now being made to install an aerial ladder on the Cities Service Truck. To add to the efficiency and safety of the fire-fighting squad, a new compressor has also been added to the equipment at hand, at an additional cost of \$1,150. Over \$68,000.00 has been invested in fire fighting equipment and the townspeople can be justly proud of their fire company.





# FIRST AID CORPS OF PALMYRA FIRE DEPT

In February, 1935, the nucleus of the now very active First Aid Corps was formed with a class of eleven persons who had just completed an American Red Cross First Aid course under the instruction of Harry Berberian. This group served the community at picnics, auto races, and any other place where the need arose.

By 1946 the corps realized the town was desperately in need of a community ambulance. With the aid of the Rotary and Lions Clubs, plus the cooperation of all civic, social, church, and fraternal organizations, along with the Fire Company, and the American Legion, the movement was organized and solicitation of the town begun. The citizens of Palmyra, as usual, arose to the occasion and gave generously. Because of their generosity, a Buick ambulance was purchased and placed into service for the first time August 1, 1947, at the annual

Palmyra Sunday School picnic held at Hershey Park. The general committee spearheading this drive consisted of S. E. Meyer, W. E. Kreider, and A. D. Cornell.

On January 16, 1947, the General Committee called a meeting to determine the responsibility for operating the ambulance. It was decided to enlist the services of the First Aid Corps. Officers were elected as follows: Director, Levi J. Flory; 1st Asst. Director, Wilson C. Miller; 2nd Asst. Director, Arthur Trostle; and Financial and Recording Secretary, H. M. Shiffer. A roster of eight drivers and twelve nurses was set up with Mrs. S. P. Wolf (now deceased) in charge of the nurses. Twenty-four hour service was now to be available to the community.

To help maintain the cost of operating the ambulance, it was decided to offer ambulance service to all residents of the Palmyra area

## INITIAL FIRST-AID CORPS







WILSON MILLER, EARL MILLER, BEATRICE BALTHASER,  
EVA MILLER, HARRISON SHIFFER, MARK LEONARD

## AMBULANCE

on a yearly subscription basis. Annual dues of \$1.00 for each family would be the price of membership.

In 1956 the Buick ambulance was replaced with a Cadillac which is now serving the community.

To illustrate the constant use to which the ambulance is put, the following statistics will show how well the borough has been served: Buick ambulance received July 31, 1947. In five

years and three months, it made 1,245 trips and travelled 36,262 miles. The Cadillac ambulance was received October 28, 1952. As of January 1, 1960 this car had made 2,328 trips and travelled 60,523 miles.

Needless to say, the First Aid Corps has served the town untiringly and without regard to personal inconveniences, having always been available at any time of the day or night for duty and service.



NEWLY ORGANIZED AMBULANCE CORPS—RALPH SNYDER,  
CARL SNAVELY, PAUL DAUB, ROY KREISER, JANICE SHUEY,  
HARRISON LIGHT, DR. RAYMOND CURANZY, MILDRED KREIDER.



# EDUCATION IN *Palmyra*

Old Palmyra Academy  
Main and College Streets



"The Common School Is the Greatest Discovery Ever Made by Man."  
Horace Mann



# Education in Palmyra

By William H. Bolger

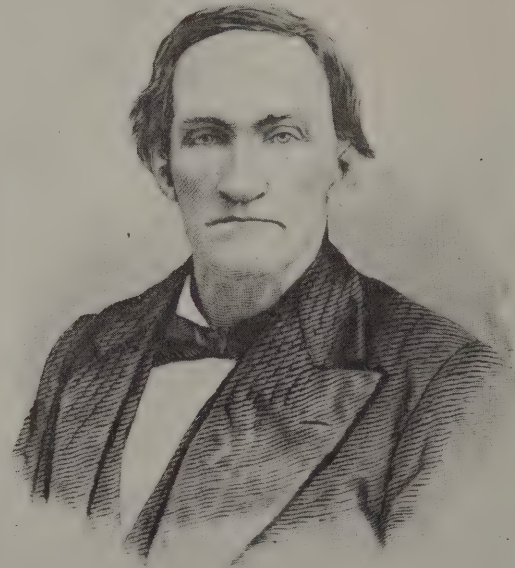
The earliest schools were church schools. Bindnagle's gift of land to the congregation specified that it was to be used: "for a church, school house and burying ground." The school building stood about fifty feet east of the first, the log church. The teachers were employed by the church and paid for, in part at least, out of the church treasury. The main instruction was in the Bible and the German language. The teachers of whom there is record were: Philip Weeber, John Peters, David Hummel, and Peter Walborn.

Early in the nineteenth century, two schools were conducted for the benefit of the children of the Palmyra settlement. The Hon. John Kean to whom we have previously referred erected a stone building for that purpose in 1805 on the plot of ground he had bought from Palm. Its dimensions were 34 feet by 36 or 38 feet and stood south of the highway about 200 feet, and about 100 feet west of South Locust Street. It was in use for forty years. The names of two teachers of this school have been preserved for us: Abraham Philips, Esq., and Alexander Dasher; a third teacher may have been Benjamin German, who afterwards took up the ministry in the Lutheran Church. During the same period a school was conducted in a one story log house located on the north side of the old Derry road, about 400 feet beyond the point where it branches off from the highway. Adam Grittinger was a teacher in this school in the year 1826.

An old copy book, held by the Horstick family has in it the name of Joseph Horstick, the date January 26, 1826 and the sentence, "He is sitting besides John Karmony, at the time, I go to Grittingers."

About the year 1840 two buildings were erected, one, a stone structure on the rear of a lot on the north side of West Main Street in the 400 block; the other, a brick building, located several hundred feet directly south of the first stone building. These were a part of the State system of free public schools. Pupils attending school in one of these buildings one year would attend sessions in the other building the next year. Teachers in the Stone building were Mary Pennypacker, in 1855 sister of the late Governor Pennypacker; her cousin Emma Boyles of Phoenixville, year 1856; A. Frank Seltzer,

later known as Colonel Seltzer, year 1859; John Grumbein, 1860; David Shope, 1861. Henry Boeshore, Jerome Henry, Jerome Deininger, William Siechrist, and Allen B. Gross, also taught in the Stone building, though we have not designated the years. Among those who taught in the brick school were: Aaron E. Weidman, 1846; Darius Seltzer, 1854; Louisa Hamilton; Joseph E. Jackson, 1858; D. Balsbaugh, 1850; Mr. Hofford, Sallie Earnest, Lucretia Early, Henry Yohey, Amos Zimmerman, Mr. Irwin, and John Heagy.



*Peter B. Witmer*

The next school house erected was a building of four rooms. This was in the year 1874, though two of the rooms were not occupied until several years later. Among those who taught in this building were: Conrad A. Horstick, Christian Metzler, John Witmer, Hannibal Hartz, Willis Harpe, Ida Landis, Frank Hartz, and John Alleman.

The Palmyra Academy (Witmer Academy) which was located at Main and College Streets, where the First Evan. Congregational Church now stands, was established in 1857.





Students of the Academy in 1887 include: front row, left to right, Carrie Laudermilch Fox, Emily Loose, Mary Brunner Landis, Maggie Bordner, Katie Stahley Moyer, Jacob Kreider, Clara Miller Funck, Herbert Henry, George Bowman, Samuel Gish, and William Miller.

Second Row: Marie Laudermilch Turby, Gabriel H. Moyer, David Landis, Simon Horstick, Eugene W. Bowman, Milton Mark, Wellington Brunner, Ada Henry, John Shiffler, and Harry Kettring.

Third Row: Sallie Loose Laudenslager, Ida Bear, Emma Shiffler Smith, Lilly Hartz Landis, Lizzie Kettering Heilman, John B. Witmer, instructor; Minerva Shank, and Minnie Hartz Risser.

Rear Row: Rosa Stahle Kelchner, Mabel Darcas Deininger, Susie Landis Kreider, Mary Bowman, Clinton Mark, John Leslie, John Mark, William Gingrich, and William Darcas.

It was a private institution founded by Professor Peter B. Witmer, who employed the instructors and had sole supervision of the school during the entire history.

Its career from the beginning was a prosperous one. It was well patronized by the citizens of Palmyra and vicinity, and received students from adjoining states.

It was at that time the principal institution of learning in this part of the state, and was celebrated as a preparatory school for young men and women who desired to enter college, and despite the excellence of the free schools, its higher grade to learning retained for it its early prestige.

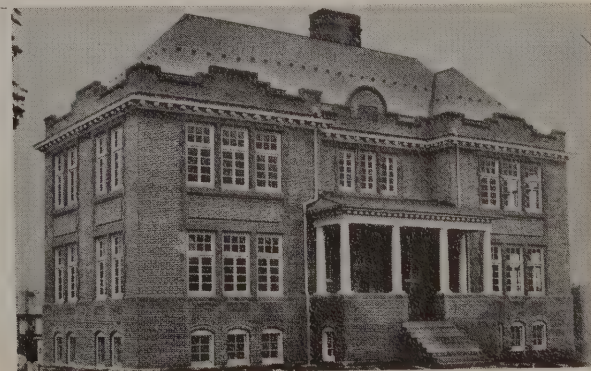
Many of the early public school teachers in Lebanon and the counties adjoining received their professional training here. Boys and girls, young men and women—several thousand in number—received their early training and education at Witmer's Academy.

Long after the free school system had been introduced it retained its early prestige, until owing to failing health Mr. Witmer closed its doors never to be re-opened again as an educational institution.

In 1890 the school was abandoned and during the nine years following, 1890-1899, the building was used mainly as a town hall. In 1899 the building was sold, and the substantial three story brick building—as we remember it, was torn down.

With the formation of a Borough Government, and the continuing increase in population, other changes had to be made to meet the needs of the community.

### FIRST HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING ON COLLEGE STREET (Now the Fae Mfg. Co.)







## 1915 Student Body In Front Of New Palmyra School



School children of Palmyra are undergoing great changes in housing and school facilities. Increased numbers of children and added courses to the curriculum make this mandatory. But this is not a new experience to Palmyra children for in the fall of 1915 when the South Railroad Street school was opened, this freshman class began their high school career. They are, top row: John Brandt, Raymond E. Kreider, John Fasnacht, Jack Eby, John R. Bomberger, John Kreider, and Norman Rauch. 2nd row: Ruth Grubb, Nettie Gipe, Ruth Gingrich Miller, Verna Wilhelm Smith, Dorothy Wolfersberger, Milne "Doc" Bashore, Ralph Spitler and Ammon Bomberger. 3rd row: Martha Gingrich, Ethel Baum Shuey, Kathryn Stauffer, Nora Rauch, Bernice Bentzel, Ruth Geiger, Esther Lauck Nissley and Eddie Withers. Bottom row: Paul Shearer, John "Aggie" Miller, Clarence Neibert, Irvin "Hap" Reist, Mildred Runkie and Mary Stauffer Imboden.

Four years have passed and some of the above have dropped by the wayside. Now we find the mischievous freshmen matured into high school seniors awaiting the Commencement exercises of the graduating class of 1919.





The Palmyra Borough School District was formed in 1913 when the Board of Directors of North Londonderry Township relinquished control of the schools of Palmyra Borough. Sitting on the Board of School Directors at their initial meeting on December 3, 1913 were: Amos Snavelly, President; M. R. Fisher, M.D., Secretary; and members J. A. Schriver, J. A. Detweiler, and C. F. Yoder.

On January 21, 1914 the directors decided to erect a school building on South Railroad St. Following the approval of a \$70,000 bond issue, the building was completed and dedicated on October 12, 1915. Among the speakers were Gov. Martin G. Brumbaugh, Henry Hauck, Sec. of Internal Affairs and County Superintendent John W. Snoke. This building is currently used by the school district as the junior high school wing of the present junior-senior high school.

The building on South Railroad Street served the needs of the community for its public school, grades one through twelve until the end of the 1936-37 school term. The secondary school of Palmyra Borough received classification as a six year junior-senior high school in 1928. This school provided secondary school education not only for the Borough of Palmyra

but also for the Township of North Londonderry, whose pupils attended on a tuition basis.

The spring of 1937 marked the completion of a new junior-senior high school building on West Cherry Street under the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works at a cost of \$260,000. With the beginning of the 1937-38 school term, this building housed grades seven through twelve and the Railroad Street Building grades one through six.

Members of the Board of Directors at this time were: D. LeRoy Spitler, Harry E. Clark, A. D. Ulrich, Dr. William H. MacEwen and M. M. Moyer.

Following the census of 1940, Palmyra Borough was classified as a third class school district, indicating a population in excess of 5,000 but less than 30,000.

On July 10, 1952, the directors of Palmyra Borough and North Londonderry Township agreed to operate their school jointly. This resulted in the abandonment of the one-room schools in the Township.

Subsequently, on July 14, 1955, by vote of the electorate, the school districts of Palmyra Borough and North Londonderry Township

## Junior-Senior High School Completed In 1937







# Palmyra Area Joint School Board

were dissolved and one district, the Palmyra Area School District, was created.

The members of the boards of the two former districts formed the Board of Directors of the new school district. Comprising the board were Cyrus J. Forney, Rev. Melvin E. Patrick, Perry D. Bicksler, J. Early Stauffer, Harold E. Cockley, J. Nissley Imboden, and Henry H. Mark from Palmyra Borough; and Casper E. Arndt, Dr. Homer Forney, Allen G. Bucher, Clair Seltzer and Claude Bomgardner from North Londonderry Township. Dr. Homer Forney served as the first president of the new board.

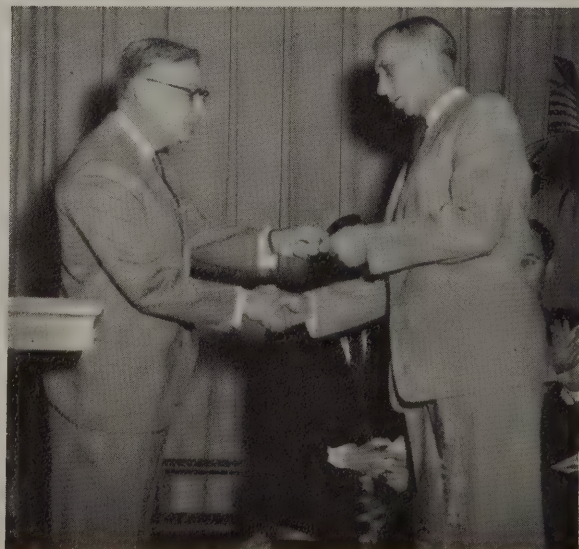
On July 2, 1956, the Palmyra Area School District and the School District of South Londonderry Township agreed to jointly operate their schools. Harold E. Cockley, Dr. Homer Forney, Claude Bomgardner, Henry H. Mark, Cyrus J. Forney, J. Early Stauffer, Perry D. Bicksler, Paul E. Hershey, Allen G. Bucher, and Casper E. Arndt from Palmyra Area and Clarence Kegerreis, Mark Hitz, C. E. Gingrich, Herbert S. Straub and Clair E. Stoner from South Londonderry Township comprised the Joint Board with Harold E. Cockley serving as the first president.

It was apparent to the school board that the increased size of the school area as well as the steadily increasing population required additional school facilities. Consequently in February of 1957, the Palmyra Area Joint School Authority was formed to finance and construct the needed improvements. Comprising the Authority were Louis S. Alspach, Chairman; Rev. Warren E. Adams, Harold H. Herr, Victor Hoffer and G. Wilbur Gible.

The Forge Street Elementary School, comprising 14 classrooms and situated on a 13 acre tract of land, was completed and occupied on October 20, 1956. The bond issue for this building was \$597,000.

During the 1959-60 school term, a project, involving the complete renovation of the existing buildings on Railroad and Cherry Street as well as the building of an addition thereto, was completed. The bond issue for this project was \$1,842,000. This project provided the area with secondary school facilities with a rated capacity of 1200 and readily expandable to 1500

## CYRUS J. FORNEY RECEIVES THE KEY TO THE NEW FORGE STREET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AT DEDICATION EXERCISE.







## Palmyra Area Junior-Senior High School

pupils. The Railroad Street Building houses classrooms for junior high school; the Cherry Street Building classrooms for senior high school; and the addition—common facilities to be used by both. This secondary school, now officially known as the Palmyra Area Junior-Senior High School, is located on a central plot of 25 acres.

It is contemplated that an elementary school, similar in size to the one at Forge Street, will soon be built at South College and West Pine Streets.

In addition to the aforementioned schools, the Joint School Board operates elementary schools at Lawn and at Campbelltown, both in South Londonderry Township.

The following men have served the schools of the Palmyra community in the capacity of supervising principal: C. S. Crumbling, 1912-

17; M. M. Metzger, 1918; C. F. Harnish, 1919 to 1927; R. E. Hartz, 1927-1956; and William H. Bolger, 1956 to the present.

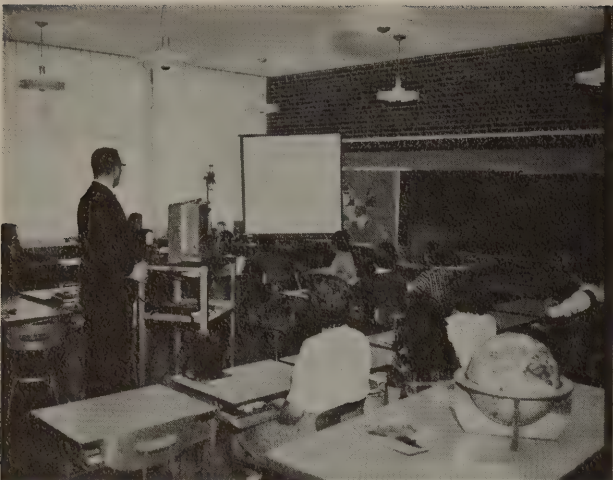
At present the Palmyra Area Joint Schools have an enrollment of 2242 with 921 of these being enrolled in the junior-senior high school with the number of high school graduates to date totalling 2321. The Palmyra Area Joint Schools at present employ 91 instructional staff members, with a secretarial staff of 5 and a custodial staff of 11.

The school facilities in the Palmyra community, as we view them today, are a tribute to the continued interest of its citizens in the education of its young people. Much credit is due the people whose driving force made it possible. Many of them are named in this article and there are many others too numerous to mention.



FORGE STREET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



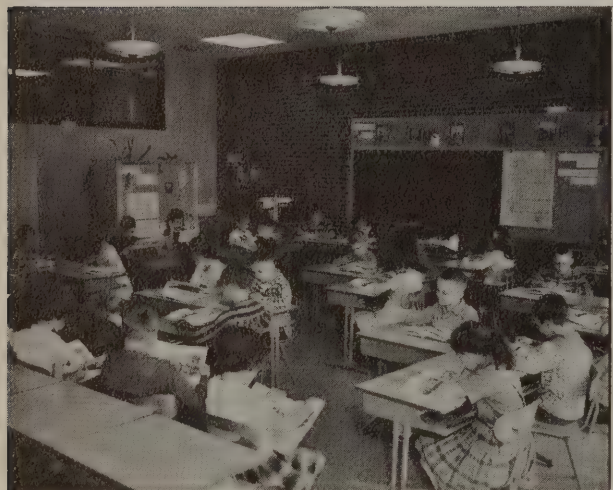


VISUAL EDUCATION AT  
FORGE STREET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

FOURTH GRADE ENJOYS NEW ROOM!



SUPERVISED STUDY

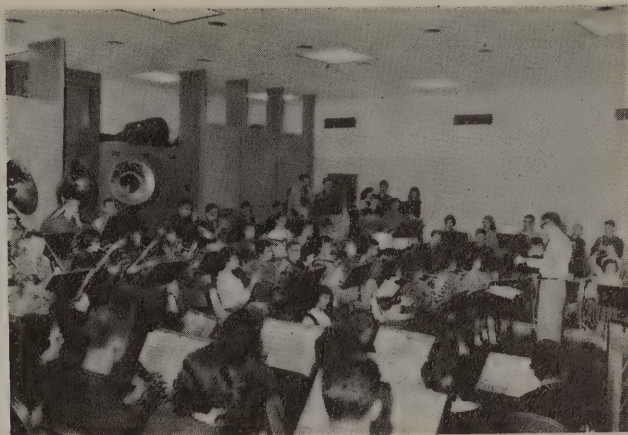


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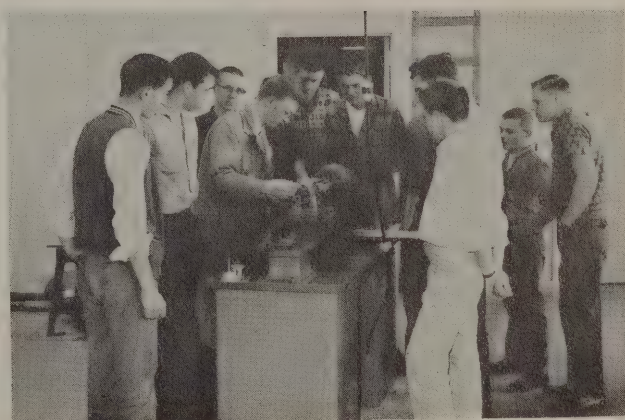


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# RELIGIOUS

# *Palmyra*

First Church Erected  
in Palmyra—1845  
Old Palm  
Evangelical Lutheran Church



"Religion is like the fashion. One man wears his doublet slashed, another laced, another plain; but every man has a doublet. So every man has his religion. We differ about trimming."

John Selden



# OUR HERITAGE

By Dr. Stanley Billheimer



DR. STANLEY BILLHEIMER

Among the early colonies in America, Pennsylvania was unique in granting religious liberty to the early immigrants. While a sort of toleration had been exercised by some of the other colonies, Penn gladly welcomed not only dissenters from the Church of England, but even visited the German States to give personal assurance of welcome to his province across the sea. The Charter of Pennsylvania was signed by King Charles II, on the fourth day of March, 1681.

The good ship Welcome reached Pennsylvania soil by way of Delaware Bay, October 29, 1682, at Upland, now Chester. Here the first

general assembly met on December 4, for the adoption of the code of laws for the State. It is noteworthy for its recognition of True Christian and Civil Liberty; Emphasis on the Acknowledgement of Almighty God and His Sovereignty over mankind; Recognition of the Lord's Day; the Commendation of the Holy Scriptures; and the granting of Freedom of Conscience. These basic truths are still recognized by our State.

It is a thrilling sight even today to see passengers emerge from the steerage, to gather on the prow of a vessel entering New York harbor. Coming into sight of Liberty with her uplifted Light, men doff their hats and mothers lift up their babes in salutation. But, in colonial days, when our forefathers came ashore, some had yet to pay their passage by bonded toil, while others continued their long journey up the valleys to some permanent location to be hailed as home. Among the latter came Dr. John Palm, with his wife, Christiana Kern and their son John George, arriving in America August 11, 1750.

The annals of history are frequently enriched by the life and labor of one individual. This truth is nobly illustrated by the career of John Palm. An ample record of his life as citizen, physician and patriot was published in the historical booklet for 1935, and appears in shorter form on the memorial stone at the eastern line of his lands. In a larger sense, our home-town is the product of the love and labor of the families who chose to settle here and share its traditions. Our thrifty places of business and manufacture, our welfare and fraternal organizations, our ample schools and hallowed churches are the fruitage of their faith.

The Anniversary Committee



# PALMYRA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES



For a number of years the religious projects for the Palmyra community had been sponsored by the ministers of the various local churches, who met together regularly under the name of the Palmyra Ministerium.

In the Fall of 1947 the members of the above mentioned organization realized that the community could be served more efficiently in religious lines of work, if an organization which also included laymen and laywomen could be organized.

On December of that year, a tentative Constitution was drawn up. It was decided that as soon as seven churches of the town would agree to cooperate, steps would be taken to form a Palmyra Council of Churches.

The first meeting was held April 9th, 1948, with Dr. Frank Carper appointed as temporary Chairman, and Rev. Melvin Patrick, temporary Secretary. With a few changes the Constitution, as proposed, was adopted, and the following officers were elected: President, Dr. Frank Carper; First Vice-President, Dr. Harold Hollingsworth; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Christian Erb; Secretary, Rev. Melvin Patrick, and Treas-

urer, Mr. M. M. Moyer. Dr. Stanley Billheimer who had sponsored in his congregation many of the projects which were afterwards to be promoted by the Council for the whole community, was elected member of the Council at large. Meetings were held quarterly.

Many projects, some of them first developed by the Palmyra Ministerium have been further developed by the Council. Along religious education lines, a weekday school with released time has been held each year, for the past thirteen years, under the authority of the Pennsylvania School Code, and the cooperation of the Board of Directors of the Palmyra Area School District: The enrollment for the present term is five hundred and seventy

A Vacation Bible School is also held during the Summer for the young people of the community. Mrs. Harry W. Edris, Mrs. H. Marlin Heisey, and in former years, Rev. Charles A. Chamberlin, deserve much credit for the rapid growth and influence of these vacation schools. These schools have been largely attended in spite of the fact that several of the churches also conducted their own Vacation Schools.



Public religious meetings have been planned and held by the various committees of the Council. The Annual Dinner and Business Meeting is held annually. An Easter Dawn Service was inaugurated and held for several years. Vesper Summer Services were conducted on Memorial Field. Thanksgiving services were held the evening before Thanksgiving Day. Holy Week, Week of Prayer, and Good Friday services were held for the entire community instead of, as before, by the individual congregations.

A Chaplain Service has been maintained at the Hershey Hospital in cooperation with the Hershey ministers. A few Union Community Sunday School Picnics were sponsored by the Council.

Under the direction of the radio and television committees, programs have been produced on Stations WLAB, WLBR, WJWR, and on WLYH-TV. An arrangement is now being made to have morning services in seven of the local churches broadcast in turn each Sunday morning over Station WJWR.

A Peace Institute was sponsored recently, and it is hoped that it will become an annual feature. Many projects have been developed and plans made for religious enterprises, some of them are: Clothing Drives have been held for Foreign Relief. UNICEF, on Halloween has been carried on by the children of the various churches directed by the committee from the

Council. Youth work has been activated among the young people of the community, with meetings held monthly. Several times a religious census has been made. On several occasions musicals have been held by the Junior and Youth Choirs, working together, from various churches. Help was given Local Option endeavors, and voters were, by articles in print urged to "Get out and Vote." The Council has cooperated with the American Legion in its "Back-to-God" Campaign.

The traditional service around the Christmas tree in the "square," now conducted by different service clubs and organizations, was inaugurated by the Council. Ministers appointed by the Council have prayers with the team of the High School before each football game. Cards bearing the name, Pastor, location and times of worship have been framed and distributed throughout the town. Several different versions of the Holy Bible have been presented to the Public Library.

The Palm Press has assisted greatly in the publicity of the Council. Henry R. Earhart, owner, has been contributing free space (quarter of a page) each week for the past ten years.

With the Palmyra Council of Churches functioning as it does, it becomes a clearing house for the religious affairs of the various churches.

## United Christian Church



OFFICIAL BOARD OF THE UNITED CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
John G. Brubaker, Paul Gingrich, Omer Poorman, Roy Rabold,  
John Stauffer, Pastor Roy J. Kreider, Ralph Kaylor



# Brethren In Christ Church



In the year 1909, because of the desire and need for a center of worship, the little red brick church on West Main Street was purchased from the trustees of the Church of God. An annex was added to the church in 1928 and other improvements were made in 1937.

In 1951, three plots located south of the church, with a frontage of 176 feet on Cherry Street, were purchased. Summertime of 1951 found the men of the church working diligently to excavate under the entire building to provide necessary classroom accommodations.

Ministers who have served the church were Henry K. Kreider, Harrison M. Hostetter and Titus Books. Harvey Ebersole and Simon Bohen served as co-ministers in the period preceeding the installation of the present pastor, Earl Engle, Jr. Reverend Engle, of Abilene, Kansas,

was installed as the first full-time pastor on August 1, 1953.

During the year 1955 a parsonage, fronting on Cherry Street, was built and dedicated. An organ had recently been installed and the church had just been newly redecorated inside and out, when the 1958 New Year's Day fire occurred, greatly damaging the interior.

Through the great kindness and generous hospitality of the Palm United Lutheran Church, a continuous order of services was maintained during the entire seventeen months of rebuilding. June 1959 marked the dedication of the new church . . . out of ruin and destruction God has wrought an edifice of beauty and usefulness. The old German inscription "Gebet Gott Die Ehre" over the pulpit of the ruined church, still challenges us today to "Give God the Honor".

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday School..... 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m.

\*Departmental Services..... 7:00 p.m.  
Children's Meeting  
Christ's Crusaders  
Christian Workers

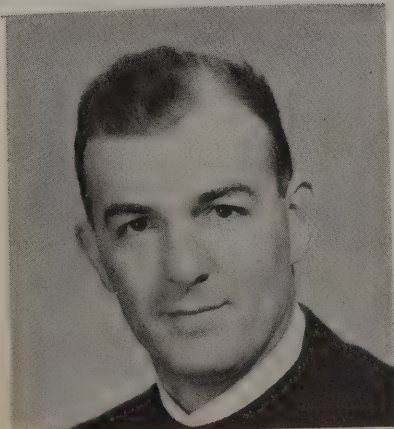
\*Evening Worship..... 7:45 p.m.  
Prayer Meeting each Wed. 7:30 p.m.

Women's Missionary Prayer  
Circle 2nd Wednesday of  
each month..... 7:30 p.m.

Men's Prayer Fellowship—7:30 p.m.  
2nd Wednesday of each month.

\*Alternate Sundays

PASTOR EARL ENGLE, JR.



INTERIOR OF NEW CHURCH





# Bethany Church

## Evangelical United Brethren

Although the early history of Bethany Church is shrouded in obscurity, as early as 1855 there appears in "Landmarks" this information: "Palmyra and Conewago classes were annexed to Dauphin Circuit." We therefore date our birth from this time and are now 105 years old. The members met in homes during these first years.

Zion Chapel was the first frame building and was located on North Railroad Street near Main. It was built in 1873. This was their first meeting house or church building.

A new and larger place of worship was built in the year 1886 on North Railroad Street, on the northeast corner of North Avenue. In 1898, the First United Brethren Church moved from their small frame building on West Main Street to the new quarters at Main and College Streets. This abandoned building was purchased, remodeled and dedicated as Bethany United Evangelical Church. This project was completed by February 10, 1900.

In 1922 there was a unanimous decision to go along with the General Church merger of the United Evangelical Church and the Evangelical Association. The new church name became known as the Evangelical Church.

In the years of 1922 and 1923, under the pastoral leadership of The Rev. Charles W. Heffner the present parsonage and church site was bought. On February 4, 1923 the New Bethany Evangelical Church was dedicated. There were three large periods of growth under the pastorates of The Rev. Charles W. Heffner, The Rev. Samuel A. Miller (presently Rev. Miller is retired from the active ministry and together with his wife are members of Bethany and attend regularly)—and The Rev. Joseph Schober under whose leadership the new educational unit has been built, the sanctuary redecorated and modernized as well as major improvements affected at the parsonage.

In 1946 the Evangelical Church merged with the United Brethren denomination. Our new



REV. L. C. UPDEGROVE

REV. & MRS. PAUL DEINER

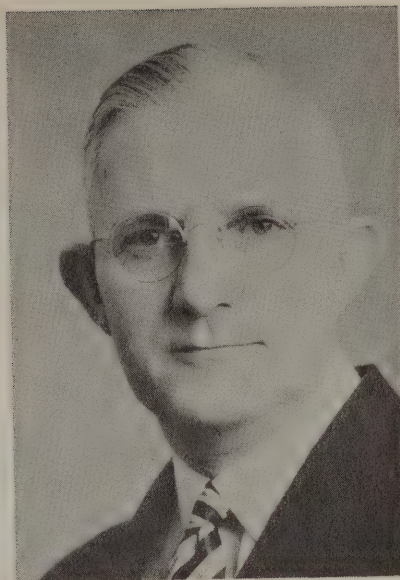
IN THE HEART OF TOWN—  
FOR THE HEART OF OTHERS.







REV. SAMUEL A. MILLER



REV. LAWRENCE L. HOSAN

name is the Evangelical United Brethren Church. The local First and Second E.U.B. Churches are members of the same denomination.

The Rev. Lawrence L. Hosan, pastor of the Leighton Evangelical Congregational Church, is a spiritual son of Bethany Church. The Rev. and Mrs. Paul W. Deiner serving as missionaries in the Philippine Islands are members of this congregation. Both received their Christian experience and training at Bethany Church. The congregation gives a part of their financial support annually. Another native son of this congregation engaged in the pastoral ministry of our denomination is The Rev.

Russell Walters who is serving the Wiconisco and Williamstown Churches.

On June 1, 1959 the Northeastern Conference assigned The Rev. Lester C. Updegrove as the pastor of Bethany Church. Their son, The Rev. George H. Updegrove holds his membership at Bethany Church while serving as Minister of Christian Education in one of the largest churches of the entire denomination, St. Paul's Church, Hagerstown, Maryland.

In the past year, Bethany church has been enjoying the largest attendances in its entire history in the Sunday School and worship services. As the present rapid growth continues, the future for this congregation is very promising.



REV. RUSSELL E. WALTERS



CHAPLAIN GEO. H. UPDEGROVE



# The Palmyra Church of the Brethren

The Church of the Brethren was born out of the Pietistic Movement in Schwarzenau, Germany, in the year 1708. Due to severe persecution, many migrated to America and organized the first congregation in Germantown in 1723. As early as 1770, members of the Church of the Brethren lived on the Luke Grubb farm southeast of Palmyra.



Original Church of the Brethren,  
built in 1892.

Dedicatory Speaker Elder S. R. Zug  
standing in front.

Palmyra was part of the old Conestoga Congregation, the third congregation to be organized in Colonial America. In 1772, this congregation was divided and Palmyra was a part of the Swatara group including Dauphin, Lebanon, and Berks County. In 1798, this Swatara Congregation was divided into two congregations, Palmyra territory being a part of the Big Swatara Congregation.

In 1869, the Big Swatara Church was again divided into two congregations, Palmyra becoming a part of the Spring Creek Congregation having a territory about 14 miles square from Lebanon to Hummelstown and from the Swatara Creek on the north to Elizabethtown on the south.

In 1912, the congregation was divided into three. Palmyra and Hershey retaining the old Spring Creek name until 1921 when the last division was made and Palmyra became a separate congregation.

Services had been held in the homes of the membership until 1848 when the first church house of the Brethren was built at Spring Creek near Hershey.

The first church house for Brethren in Palmyra was built in 1892 on the site of the present church, corner of Arch and N. Chestnut Streets. This was a white frame meeting house, 40 x 50 feet, costing \$2,500.

Due to the growing Sunday School and church membership in 1916, the frame meeting house was torn down and a larger brick church was erected on the same site at a cost of \$17,000.

The following shows the rapid growth of the Sunday School by ten year periods:

Year	Enrollment	Average Attendance	Total Offerings
1904	107	56	\$ 50.00
1914	240	152	262.00
1924	414	301	1,847.00
1934	548	430	3,816.00
1944	659	472	16,146.00
1954	871	658	42,596.00
1959	924	644	58,129.00

By 1935, every inch of space in the kitchen, basement, and auditorium was so crowded for



Second Church of the Brethren—Built in 1917



Sunday School that another building project was launched. A side gallery was added to the present building and a 34 x 80 foot addition to the rear of the brick church on three floors was added at a cost of \$40,000—thus doubling the floor space of the 1917 brick church.

Up until 1940 no musical instruments were used in the church, but then there began a growing interest in the ministry of music in the church. Eventually an organ fund was started and on June 26, 1949, an Aeolin-Skinner organ was dedicated and installed at a cost of \$20,000. Mrs. Kenneth Frey has served as Minister of Music for the past 19 years and Mrs. Richard Groff as Associate Organist since 1949. These consecrated servants and 210 faithful members of the six choirs of the church have been a great blessing in making the weekly worship services of the church a rich spiritual experience.

Since 1955, it became evident again that our building was too small and plans were made to add once more to the present building. In June

1957, ground was broken for an Educational unit, 80 x 40 feet, on three floors, an additional narthex and complete renovation to the church kitchen and sanctuary, at a cost of \$340,000. This building was dedicated January 11, 1959.

From 1772 to 1959, the Palmyra congregation has been served by seven presiding elders. Since the building of the first Church House in 1892 to the present time, two of the presiding elders have served. Elder J. H. Longenecker from 1893 to 1929 and Elder F. S. Carper who has been preaching in the Palmyra pulpit in a continued ministry since 1912 and has been serving as pastor and presiding elder or moderator since 1925 to the present time. Rev. Donald W. Rummel is serving as Associate Pastor since 1957.

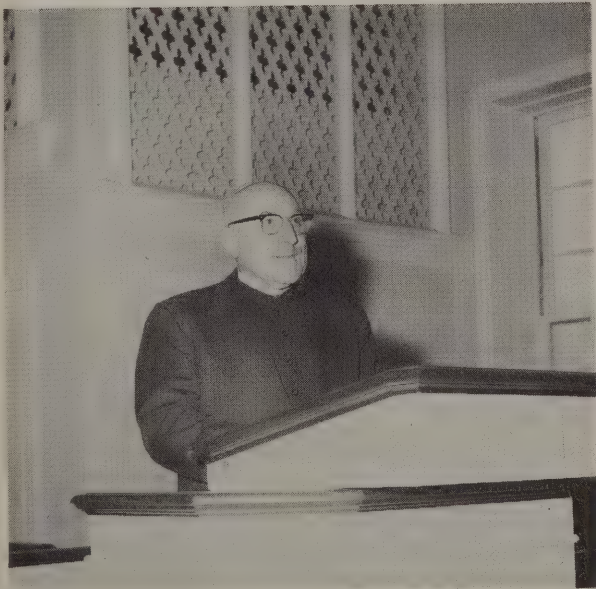
The records of the past 16 years indicate a constant growth in membership, attendance, and offerings in the church.

#### AVERAGE ATTENDANCES

Year	Morning Worship	Evening Worship	Sunday School	Church Member- ship	Total Offerings
1943	375	180	495	640	\$11,280
1948	495	244	575	740	35,941
1953	588	293	635	874	57,534
1959	603	232	644	936	97,782

The church has been broadcasting their morning service over WLBR on the Church of the Brethren Hour of the Lebanon Valley, the first and last Sundays of the month, from 5 to 6 o'clock for the past 10 years.

Visitors are always expected each Sunday. Services are held at 9 a.m.—Sunday School 10 a.m.—Morning Worship and 7:15 p.m.—Evening Worship.



F. S. Carper  
Minister

Palmyra Church  
of the Brethren





# First Evangelical Congregational Church

## West Main and College Streets

### Palmyra, Penna.



Early records indicate that Evangelical preachers began to preach in the Lebanon Valley in the vicinity of Palmyra, at least as early as 1820. In fact, the Evangelical churches were first organized in the eastern section of Lebanon County. The earliest definite record of the existence of a church in Palmyra was in 1855 when records indicate that the Palmyra Church was a part of the Dauphin Circuit. The first church building of the Evangelical Association in Palmyra stood on the corner of the first alley north of Main Street on North Railroad Street. The Corner Stone of this building is now a Historical marker in the First Evangelical Congregation Church in the College Street vestibule. This church was used for worship until 1894 when the unfortunate division occurred in the denomination and a minority of the entire church formed the United Evangelical Church. All property was held by the Evangelical Association but the Palmyra congregation adhered to the minority group.

The Conference of 1895 assigned Rev. J. K. Freed as the pastor. At first, services were held in homes and available halls until 1898 when the First United Brethren congregation decided to abandon its frame building on West Main Street and build the large brick edifice on the corner of West Main and College Streets. The

frame building, erected in 1870, was purchased and remodeled and dedicated as Bethany United Evangelical Church. Rev. Mr. Freed remained as pastor until the Conference of 1899. The following ministers served the church: Rev. D. G. Reinhold 1900-1903; Rev. H. E. Lutz, 1904-1905; Rev. J. E. Bahner, 1906-1909; Rev. W. F. Schofer, 1910; Rev. C. W. Heffner, 1913-1915; Rev. Thomas Knecht, 1916-1918; Rev. H. F. Miller, 1918-1921; Rev. C. W. Heffner, a second pastorate in 1922.

The church made substantial progress over this period of years and during the pastorate of Rev. H. F. Miller a lot was purchased on the southeast corner of Cherry and Railroad Streets for the erection of a new church. During the pastorate of Rev. C. W. Heffner a new church was erected on this lot. It was during the time of the erection of this new church that the merger movement to unite the United Evangelical Church with the Evangelical Association denomination came to fruition. As a result of this merger movement, the Palmyra congregation was declared an Evangelical Church. More than a score of members of the Palmyra congregation were shocked to find their church in another denomination and petitioned the annual conference of 1923 for a pastor and a reorganization of the Palmyra



congregation. About the same time the old frame building on West Main Street was sold to the P.O.S. of A. Lodge.

Rev. George F. Miller and Rev. M. E. Detterline were appointed as pastors of a charge consisting of Palmyra, Lawn, Steelstown, Bunker Hill and Union Salem. The first service was held in the P.O.S. of A. Hall in Palmyra on Sunday, March 11, 1923. There were twenty charter members for this church. Four of these charter members are still members of First Evangelical Congregational Church. They are Mrs. Sallie Mark, Mr. John Bahner, Miss Ruth Bahner and Mrs. Ezra Auchenbach.

The frame building that had been their church home for years was purchased back from the P.O.S. of A. Lodge. The building was renovated and reopening day was September 16, 1923. Rev. George F. Miller remained pastor until 1927. Rev. Laben Huff served as pastor in 1928-29. The charge was divided the following year. Rev. W. J. Dech was appointed to serve the Palmyra and Lawn churches. Rev. R. S. Wilson was appointed pastor in 1930. It was during the pastorate of Rev. Wilson the congregation decided to enlarge and remodel the church. The church building was raised and moved back. A basement was placed under the entire building and a new brick front was added to the church.

The church membership at this time was 69 and the Sunday School enrollment was 165. Sunday, September 20, 1931 was set as Dedication Sunday. Bishop E. S. Woodring conducted the Dedicatory service. During the pastorate of Rev. Wilson, which lasted until 1934, the Official Board was organized and the work of the church and Sunday School was more efficiently organized.

Rev. B. P. Gieske was pastor of the charge from 1934 to 1939. Rev. J. Karl Harper became pastor of the charge in 1939. It was during his pastorate that the property was purchased west of the church to provide room for future expansion. All debts were cleared in 1944 and the congregation had vision of a parsonage. An Improvement and Parsonage fund was started at this time.

At the 1944 Conference the Palmyra charge was changed from a Mission to a Station. The membership was now 178 and the Sunday School enrollment was 291.

Rev. J. K. Rapp became pastor of the church in 1945. It was during his pastorate of two

years that the home of one of the charter members of the church, B. Frank Seltzer and his wife was offered to the church. Mr. Seltzer and his wife decided to go to the Church Home at Myerstown and they offered their new home to the Church at its original cost in 1940 to be used as a parsonage. The transfer of this property was made in October, 1946.

Rev. R. D. Miles served as pastor from 1947 to 1950. It was during his pastorate that the Palmyra Church became a one church station. The Building Committee was also formed during his pastorate.

Rev. C. A. Starr became pastor of the church in 1950. The leaders were beginning to feel that cramped quarters were retarding the growth of the church. The Building Committee was investigating the idea of expanding at the present location and several locations were inspected with the thought of relocating. In 1954 the First Evangelical United Brethern Church, located at West Main and College Streets, decided to relocate. This property, consisting of the church, parsonage and parking lot was offered to our congregation. After much prayer and thought, the Building Committee recommended the purchase of this complete property for the price of \$70,000.00 to the congregation. At this Congregational meeting, November 10, 1954, the congregation authorized the Building Committee to purchase this property. They were also authorized to dispose of the property on West Main Street and the parsonage on Cherry Street. Two weeks later this complete property was sold to the Grace Brethern Missionary Board of Winona Lake, Indiana for the price of \$44,000.00. The congregation authorized the Building Committee to completely renovate the purchased property. The total cost of renovating the church was \$76,000.00. It was during the renovation of the church that the Estate of Attorney C. K. Witmer, adjoining the church on the east was purchased by the congregation for \$20,000.00. The dwelling on this lot has been torn down and a lawn developed which adds much to the beauty of the property.

Sunday, June 3, 1956, was moving day for the congregation. More than 300 people formed a Christian procession from the old church on West Main Street to the new church at West Main and College Streets.

Rev. Ralph H. Bornman was assigned as pastor of the church in 1959. The present membership of the congregation is 321 and the Sunday School enrollment is 427.



# Palmyra First Church

## Evangelical United Brethren

The history of Palmyra First Church undoubtedly dates back to as early as the middle portion of the 19th century. Prior to this the records are vague, but in all probability the early "circuit riders" did include Palmyra in their busy and eventful itinerary. In 1843 The Reverend Simon Noll, who was serving the Dauphin Circuit, preached at Palmyra "in a house near the toll-gate." In 1853 a Class was permanently organized and became affiliated with the Lebanon Circuit.

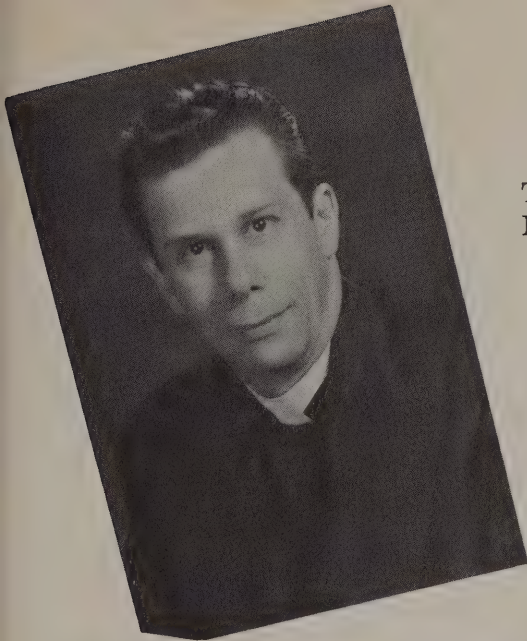
By the year 1870 the congregation had grown sufficiently strong enough to undertake the erection of a church building. At a quarterly conference held on October 22, 1870, trustees were elected who in turn on November 2, 1870

decided to erect a frame church building on the site where the Grace Brethern Church now stands. "The Little White Church" was dedicated on the 21st day of May, 1871, by Bishop Jonathan Edwards. Here the congregation worshipped for approximately twenty-nine years.

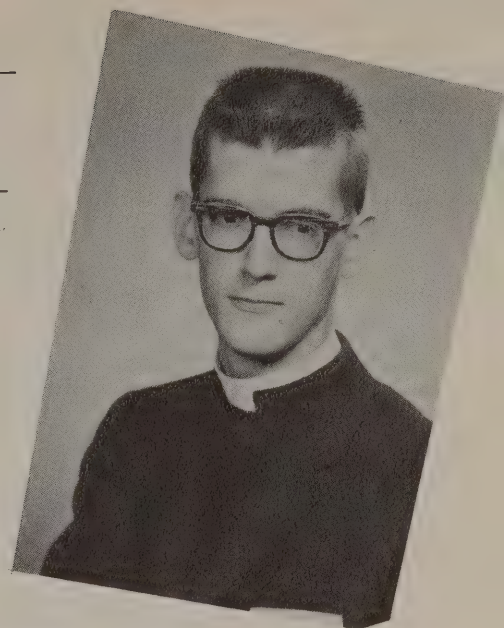
Sometime during March 1898, because increased attendance and a growing membership forced upon them an imposing situation, the congregation authorized the Board of Trustees "to improve the old or build a new edifice." On April 4, 1899, the Witmer Academy Building with a lot fronting on Main Street and extending along North College Street was purchased and plans for the erection of a church building with parsonage attached were prepared. Con-







Dr. Harold C. Hollingsworth—  
Minister at First Church.



The Rev. Richard L. Cassel—  
Minister in the Junior Church.



#### THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

SEATED, left to right: Harry M. Baker, G. Wilbur Gible, Treasurer; Earl B. Lehman, President; Walter R. Light, Vice-President; Paul S. Reitz, Secretary. STANDING: Edward D. Baker, Laverd C. Gingrich, Russell L. Gingrich, Wayne S. Hetrick, John G. Rauch, Jr., Howard B. Phillippy, Clyde E. Habecker.

struction was begun and the edifice was appropriately dedicated on Sunday, April 22, 1900, by Bishop E. B. Kephart.

It was the Annual Conference of 1899 that created Gravel Hill and Palmyra a charge of but two congregations. Such an arrangement continued until 1904 when the town church became an independent charge thus bringing to an end all affiliations with other churches on the circuit or station. From 1911 onward the church has been designated as Palmyra First Church.

On the 16th day of November, 1946, The Church of the United Brethren in Christ and The Evangelical Church consummated a union to form a new denomination known as The Evangelical United Brethren Church. Our world-wide organization reports a church membership of more than 765,000.

After local church leaders gave long and careful study to the need for more adequate facilities, the congregation voted to relocate and build a new edifice on the plot which is bounded



by Green, Birch, Elm and Franklin Streets in a growing residential area of the community. Ground Breaking Ceremonies were observed on Sunday, August 15, 1954. The Corner Stone Laying Services were conducted on Sunday, May 22, 1955. The completed edifice was dedicated on Easter Sunday, April 1, 1956, by Bishop George E. Epp.

The present Atglen stone structure is of a modified Georgian Colonial architecture in design and is modern and replete in every respect. The complete edifice comprises a Church Sanctuary, Christian Education Building, Parish Hall and Manse. The high, central spire is constructed of gleaming white porcelain and is capped with a Celtic cross. In the exterior niche of the east wall of the Sanctuary reposes an eight-foot statue of Christ which was hand carved in Italy from a solid piece of white Cararra marble. Directly beneath the Christus is a granite tablet bearing the inscription—TO THE GLORY OF HIM WHOSE TOUCH CAN MAKE US WHOLE.

In the main chancel the sculptured reredos rising above the high altar presents Christ as

The Good Shepherd. In the foot-pace of the altar has been placed a stone taken from the deomination shrine, The Isaac Long Barn, the place where the denomination was born in 1767.

On the throne of the altar and directly beneath the Swedish wrought iron cross reposes the stone taken from the temple built by King Solomon in Palmyra, Syria, in 1001 B.C. This historic stone was presented to First Church in Palmyra by Palmyra of the old world with appropriate greetings inscribed on a brass tablet. The art glass windows continuing the Colonial motif portray the life of Christ, the fundamental doctrines of the Christian faith and the historic development of Christianity.

The ministers of East Pennsylvania Conference serving First Church since it became an independent charge comprise Dr. Robert R. Butterwick from 1901-1906, Dr. Charles A. Mutch from 1906-1908, The Rev. John M. Walters from 1908-1910, Dr. Edward O. Burtner from 1910-1923, Dr. Phares B. Gibble from 1923-1946, and since 1946, the present minister, Dr. Harold C. Hollingsworth.

“O come, let us worship . . .”





# The Church Of The Holy Spirit



On the third day of May, 1954, the Most Reverend George L. Leech, D.D., J.C.D., Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg, purchased six acres of ground bordering West Pine Street in Palmyra in the name of St. Joan of Arc Church, Hershey, Pa. The purchase price of \$15,000.00 was to be borne by the mother parish since the purpose was to erect a Church

for the members of St. Joan of Arc living in the Palmyra district and to have a plot of ground large enough for future development.

Mass was offered every Sunday in the Seltzer Theatre for the convenience of the Catholic people until such a time when a church might be erected on the new plot. Plans were begun to erect a Church and Social Hall and on May 26, 1956 Bishop Leech signed a contract for the Church of the Holy Spirit at a total cost of \$150,000.00. The Church and an adjoining Social Hall were completed about a year later and on Pentecost Sunday, June 9, 1957 Father Anthony J. Mayan offered the first Masses with an attendance of five hundred twenty five men, women and children. The priests of St. Joan of Arc Parish continue to serve the Catholics of Palmyra with two Masses every Sunday and an average attendance of four hundred twenty five persons. They are the Revs. Anthony J. Mayan, Daniel J. Mahoney, Dominick A. Mammarella and Daniel J. Menniti.

## United Zion Church



Pastor—Christ A. Geib  
Church School Supt.—  
Leroy Heisey  
Asst. Church School  
Supt.—Paul Zimmerman



# Trinity United Church of Christ



Trinity Reformed Church (United Church of Christ) of Palmyra, had its beginnings with the settlement of the sturdy German immigrants along the Swatara Creek over 200 years ago. One of the early settlements was at Bindnagles, where the first church was erected about 1754, to be used by both Lutheran and Reformed congregations.

Because of the growth of the little village of Palmyra, the need was felt for a church within the town's limits, and accordingly, members of the Lutheran and Reformed denominations erected the first church building in Palmyra. The cornerstone of this building was laid on May 12, 1845. It was called the Union or Palm Lutheran and Reformed Church, and was a limestone building 40 by 44 feet located in the 700 block of West Main Street. The first Sunday School was started on June 14, 1846 with about 50 boys and girls in attendance.

The following ministers served the Reformed congregation in this Church: the Rev. Joel Reber, 1845 to 1846; the Rev. J. D. Zehring,

June 1846 to December 1847; the Rev. Aaron S. Leinbach, D.D., May 1848 to November 1848; the Rev. Charles Hoffneier and the Rev. I. B. Palmer, supply pastors; the Rev. Jonathan E. Heister, September 1852 to January 1901. The Rev. Daniel K. Laudenslager, June 1901 to November 1903, was pastor when the congregation moved to its present church. With the death of Rev. Heister, the Charge consisting of Palmyra, Campbelltown, Annville, and Hill Church, north of Cleona, was divided, with Palmyra and Campbelltown forming one Charge and the other two congregations another Charge.

During the pastorate of the Rev. Mr. Laudenslager, the Reformed congregation, which numbered about 80, made plans to build a church of its own. Land on the corner of East Main and North Chestnut Streets was offered to the congregation by Elder Jacob A. Loose, with the stipulation that the site should be used distinctly for Reformed Church purposes. The Reformed congregation sold its interest in the Union Church to the Lutherans for \$200.



The cornerstone of the present church was laid on July 13, 1902. By September 20 of 1903 the new building was ready to be dedicated. The cost of the edifice was about \$15,000. The windows and furniture were all memorials or gifts, several rooms were furnished by classes, and the bell was donated by Lewis and Daniel Schneider. Reading shale brick was used in the construction with Indiana limestone trim. The dimensions are 52 by 92 feet.

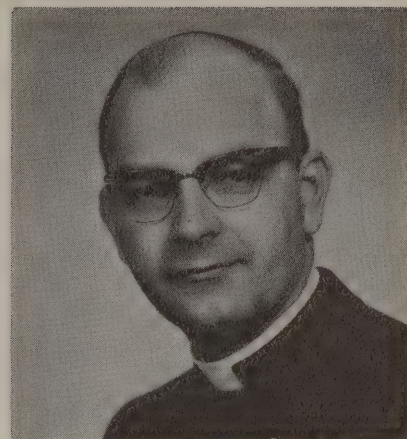
A few months before the church was dedicated the members met after Sunday service to decide on a name. Since it happened to be Trinity Sunday, the decision was an easy one, and the church was named Trinity Reformed Church.

Shortly after completion of the new church, the Rev. Mr. Laudenslager left to accept another call and was succeeded December 25, 1903 by the Rev. Paul J. Dundore. The first pipe organ was installed in the church in 1904, half the cost being donated by Andrew Carnegie. In 1904 the parsonage was erected adjacent to the church on Chestnut Street. The total cost of the parsonage was \$2,800, carpenters at that time being paid 15 cents an hour. During the Rev. Mr. Dundore's pastorate the interior of the church was frescoed and new altar paraments were used for the first time. Re-dedicatory and communion services were conducted in Trinity Church October 20 to 27, 1912. At the close of Rev. Dundore's pastorate in 1914, Trinity Church reported 338 members.

Pastors since the Rev. Mr. Dundore have been the Rev. John F. Frantz, 1914 to 1920; the Rev. Elmer G. Leinbach, 1920 to 1949; the Rev. Warren E. Adams, 1950 to 1958; the Rev. John B. Noss, Ph.D., supply pastor, 1958 to 1959; and the Rev. Robert K. Townsley, since August 1959.

During these years Trinity continued to grow and many changes and improvements were made to the building. In 1922 the church cellar was converted into a basement for Sunday School and social purposes, a well equipped kitchen was installed, and rooms were provided for the choir and for storage. In 1923 the Campbelltown Church was separated from Palmyra under special action of the Lebanon Classis.

On July 7, 1929 the Church was rededicated and a new three manual Moller Pipe Organ was dedicated. The interior of the church had new frescoing and painting, new light fixtures, a new carpet which covered the entire sanctuary



Rev. Robert K. Townsley

floor, new choir chairs, and a new additional gallery erected above the Sunday School room on the north side. The woodwork was changed from light to dark oak finish.

In 1931 the parsonage underwent improvements and in 1950 the interior was extensively remodeled. In 1959 the interior was completely redecorated.

The interior walls of the church were again frescoed and painted a light green in 1946. In 1952 an amplifying system was installed so that announcements and services could be heard in the basement rooms and throughout the Sunday School, and extensive changes were made to the basement rooms and kitchen.

In 1956 the Loose home next to the church on Main Street, was purchased with a view to future expansion and to gain a clear title to the Church property itself. This home is being used as a Church School Annex and church office. With a present church membership of 580 and a Church School enrollment of nearly 600, Trinity is studying the matter of future expansion either on the present location or of re-locating to a new and larger site.

Trinity Reformed Church became Trinity Evangelical and Reformed Church in 1934 with the merger of the Evangelical Synod of North America and the Reformed Church in the United States. Then in 1957, with the union of the Evangelical and Reformed Church and the Congregational Christian Churches to form the United Church of Christ, Trinity came to be known as Trinity United Church of Christ, which name it bears today.

#### THE CHURCH SCHOOL

According to available records Trinity Church School began on June 14, 1846, while the congregation was a part of the Union or Palm Lutheran and Reformed Church on West Main Street. About 50 boys and girls were present



on this first day. Records indicate that a week later there were 83 scholars and 18 teachers, several of the teachers having no classes. Not much more is to be found concerning the Church School until the congregation occupied their new building on East Main and Chestnut Streets in 1903.

In the beginning of the occupancy of the present church, during the pastorate of the Rev. Paul J. Dundore, the Sunday School was well organized. Some of the teachers of that time who are still living are Mrs. Nora Bowman and Miss Emily Loose.

Jacob Loose, donor of the ground on which the church is built, was the first superintendent of the Church School in its present location. He was followed by Prof. Thomas Matterness of the Hershey Schools, who later studied for the ministry of the Reformed Church. Mr. George Bowman served as superintendent for about 35 years and was succeeded by Dr. C. P. Marbarger who served for 28 years. Norman J. Rothermel continued in this office until 1960. Mr. Joseph Houser is the present superintendent.

Just three treasurers have served the Church School since removal to the present site: Jacob L. Bowman, George W. Ferry and A. Warren Garman, the present treasurer, who has been serving in that capacity since 1914.

The January 17, 1960, report of the Church School showed an active enrollment of 599 and a total enrollment of 657 including the Home Department and the Cradle Roll. The average attendance for 1959 was 327. The Church School participates through the Palmyra Council of Churches in sponsoring the weekday school of religious education which 69 of our pupils attended in 1959, and the Daily Vacation Bible School in which 79 of our pupils were enrolled in 1959. The School also sends many young people each year to the denominational camps at Fernbrook, near Pottstown, Pa., and Mensch Mill, near Boyertown, Pa., and also conducts its own day camping program for those who cannot attend the denominational camps.

Religious education is one of the foremost prerequisites of our church, realizing that with instructed children and young people you have the foundation of a growing and working church and church school. This follows the basic thought of our forefathers who organized many Christian colleges in the early history of our country that the Christian faith might be taught and propagated.

Since a congregational vote on January 24,

1960, approved relocation of Trinity Church to a new site on South Railroad and West Pine Streets, the Church School looks forward to much needed improved and expanded facilities in a new church for its growing enrollment.

#### THE WOMEN'S GUILD

In this Bi-Centennial year of 1960 the Women's Guild of Trinity United Church of Christ brings greetings to all former members and friends of Trinity Reformed Church.

Reorganized in 1950, the Women's Guild of the Evangelical and Reformed Church was formed from the historic women's groups of the church—the Ladies' Aid, the Women's Missionary Society, and the Girls' Guild.

Ours is a fellowship of all the women of the church, promoting Christian service in the home, the local church, the denomination, the community, the nation, and the world.

Officers for the year 1959-1960 are: President, Mrs. Foster G. Ulrich; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. Norman J. Rothermel; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. Sterling Shue; Secretary, Mrs. John Banghart; Assistant Secretary, Mrs. F. A. Steinmetz; Treasurer, Mrs. Clifford Stechman; Assistant Treasurer, Mrs. John Lingle.

#### THE CHURCHMEN'S BROTHERHOOD

The Churchmen's Brotherhood of Trinity Church grew out of the Men's Bible Class through the untiring efforts of Ray Bright. It is a member of the National Men's Organization, which is an integral part of the Church and is amenable to the General Synod of the denomination. Its purpose is the enlistment of the man power in the church, for the cultivation of the Christian life through study, prayer, fellowship and service and for the support and success of the whole program of the church in the congregation, the community, the denomination and the world at large.

During its brief existence, it has made substantial contributions to the annual national projects in Europe, Asia, Africa and North America. In the local church it has sponsored banquets, picnics and conducted worship services on Laymen's Sundays. Two of its outstanding local projects were the raising of \$4,300 toward the purchase of the property adjacent to the church in 1956 and the complete renovation and redecoration of the parsonage in 1959 at an estimated saving to the congregation of over \$1,500. Their woodworking "Workshop" under the leadership of George Burkey is well known in the community. Howard Rowe is now president of the Brotherhood.



## THE YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

The Youth Fellowship is the youth organization of Trinity United Church of Christ. The membership consists of junior and senior high school young people who are interested in taking an active part in the affairs of the church. So that all the members may have a part in the planning of the programs, the group is divided

into three commissions: Fellowship, Faith, and Action. The meetings, which are held twice a month, have a variety of programs. One of the monthly affairs of the group, in addition to the regular meetings, is attending the Lebanon County United Church of Christ Youth Fellowship, which is held in one of the churches in the county. The hope of the Youth Fellowship is to build leaders for the church of tomorrow.



## Assembly of God Chapel

The South Central Section of the Eastern District Council of the Assemblies of God began this work in July of 1958. Tent meetings were held during warm weather and the present building at 432 N. Railroad Street was rented in September of that year. Rev. Joseph Doviak

was chosen to be the first pastor. In May of 1959, upon the resignation of Mr. Doviak, the Home Missions Committee selected Rev. and Mrs. David F. Oller as the new pastors. With God's help we hope to begin the task of erecting a church building in the very near future.



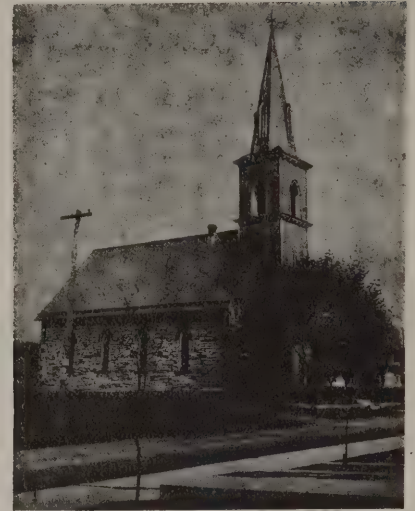


# Palm United Lutheran Church



"Old Palm"  
1845

St. John's Lutheran  
Church  
1892



The early Lutherans of Palmstown, including Dr. John Palm and his family, worshipped chiefly at Bindnagles. But the completion of the Dauphin turnpike fostered the desire for a local house of worship. On March 12, 1845, definite action was taken for the erection of a Lutheran and Reformed Church, in the 700 block on the south side of West Main Street. Lots were donated by Philip Matter and Samuel Segner, and the corner stone of the limestone building was laid May 12, 1845, by Dr. William G. Ernst, of Lebanon. The bell, a novelty in this locality, was rung every evening at sunset by Peter Swanger.

The Rev. J. T. Vogelbach of Middletown served as the first pastor, and George Schnieder organized the union Sunday School; it became denominational in 1870. The following pastors served old Palm: Louis Eggers, 1847-1852 and 1871-1875; William G. Laitzle,

1852-1854; Samuel Yingling, 1856-1857; William L. Porr, 1859-1861; William S. Emery, 1862-1866; Henry Geisz, 1866-1868; R. M. Jacobi, 1868-1870; G. T. Weibel, 1875-1877; Matthias Schimpff, 1877-1880; I. W. Gauker, 1880-1881; A. B. Markley, 1882-1888; John W. Mattern, 1899-1900; T. A. Behler, 1900-1903; and J. H. Nieman, 1904-1910, who first used the clerical robe.

Meanwhile, the growth of the town towards the north and east led to the desire for a "downtown" church. Meetings in the Whitmer Academy resulted in the formal organization of St. John's Lutheran Church, June 19, 1890, with twenty-eight charter members. A Sunday School was organized, with Dr. M. R. Fisher as superintendent, a position he held for 35 years. The corner stone of the building on College Street was laid May 27, 1891 by Dr. Wm. E. Dunbar of Lebanon. The church was dedicated



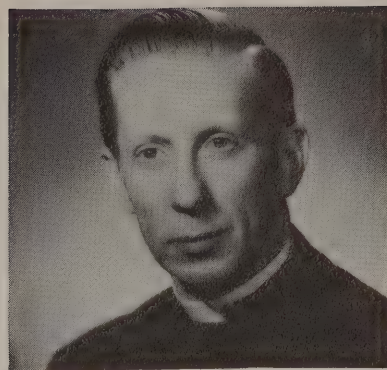
Palm United Lutheran  
Church



May 29, 1892, by Dr. R. W. Hufford, President of the East Pa. Synod. The earlier pastors served chiefly as supplies: Daniel R. Becker, A. C. Forscht, and Harry G. Snyder. Pastor O. O. Leidlich added Bellegrove to the charge, and Fred C. Sternat included Trinity, Colebrook. An ample parsonage was first occupied by W. H. Hilbish. The longest service was rendered by J. H. C. Manifold, the last to use the horse and buggy. St. John's held a strong place in the Synod chiefly by its interest in the Loysville Orphans Home, through D. U. Landis as Trustee. The history of this congregation closed with one year's pastorate of Dr. Stanley Billheimer.

Meanwhile, Palm had sought a new location, holding the last service in the old building November 29, 1909. Work was begun at the present location, the services being held in the nearby "Market Hall". The new church made use of much of the material from the old, including stone, woodwork and furniture. The first service was held December 18, 1910; and formal dedication February 26, 1911. With the help of Field Missionary C. E. Fegley, a church was organized at Hershey in 1910, which became part of the parish. The Rev. Fred C. Krapf served 1911-1915; John I. Meck, 1916-1919; and H. A. Runkle, the last pastor, 1910-1924.

A realignment of territory by the Synods in 1925 led to the merger of the two congregations, beginning April 1 of that year, with Dr. Billheimer as pastor. The school held its first session April 19, with I. E. Spancake as Superintendent. Mrs. Billheimer headed the Missionary Society, and the younger members united in a Luther League. The College Street building became a Parish House, furnished by the D. U. Landis family, but parking problems later caused the sale of the building. The pro-

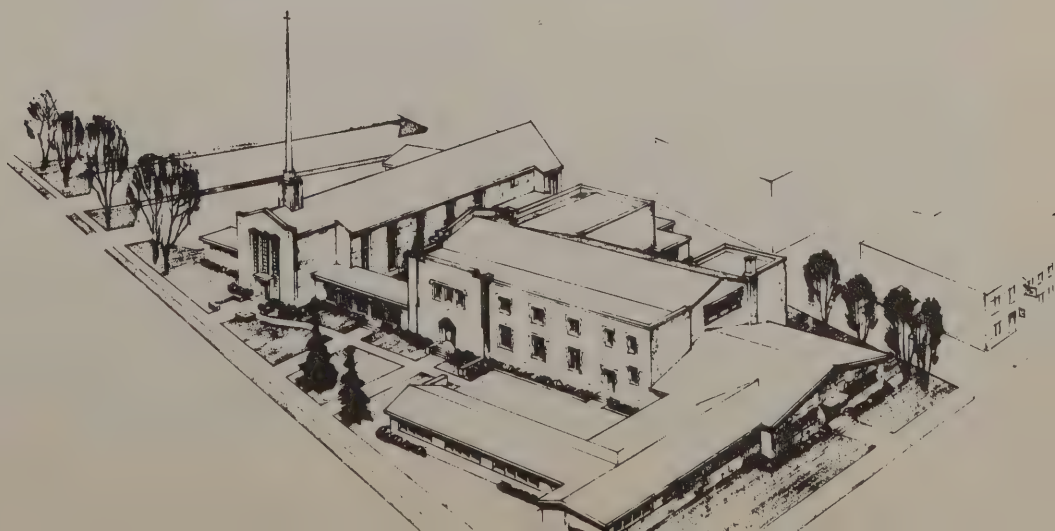


Rev. Gerhard G. Dietrich

ceeds helped build a new educational unit on land adjoining Palm Church. The cornerstone was laid November 25, with the same gavel used by President Washington to lay the cornerstone of the U.S. capital in 1793. The building was dedicated July 28, 1929. Dr. Billheimer retired from the pastorate in 1945 and became pastor emeritus.

The Rev. Charles R. Chamberlin, was installed January 13, 1946 and served until August 1955. During this time renovation programs were carried out, a two-story brick parsonage on North Chestnut Street was purchased, in 1945, property adjoining the church was acquired for use as a parking lot in 1953, and an early morning worship service was begun.

The present pastor, The Rev. Gerhard G. Dietrich, began his ministry in February 1956. Since then two homes to the west of the parking lot have been purchased for the purpose of future expansion. The accompanying architects drawing represents the hopes and dreams envisioned by Palm's members of what the new Palm United Church will look like. In 1958 Palm Lutherans joined with 5,000,000 others in eight Lutheran bodies in America in the adoption of a new Service Book and Hymnal.

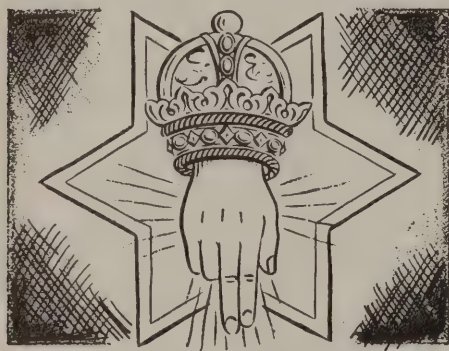




The staff of Palm in addition to the pastor includes Miss Sara Hetrick, secretary; Mrs. Viola Silvernail, organist; Mrs. Thomas Schaak, director of the Senior and Youth Choirs, Girl's Trio and Men's Quartet; Mrs. Clarence Bomberger, director of the children's choir; Mrs. Carl Longenecker, director of Men's Chorus; and Mr. William Loser, sexton. The church council is headed by Vice-President, Robert Beard. The church school (enrollment 723) is led by Glenn Runkle; the United Lutheran Women's Work by Mrs. Walter E. Loy; the Luther League by Patricia Shreffler.

The present membership of Palm: 1215 baptized, 845 confirmed, and 700 communing members.

Palm United counts it a privilege to serve the Palmyra Community and has enjoyed its participation in community and Council of Churches activities. As it continues its ministry of Word and Sacrament to succeeding generations it looks back on its history with gratitude to God for the courageous faith of those who have laid down their dedicated and unselfish witness in the past. It looks to the future with faith and hope. By God's grace it will continue to minister to all who enter its open doors and to offer rich opportunities for worship, christian education and stewardship. With joy and thanksgiving it joins with all citizens of the community in Palmyra's Bi-Centennial celebration.



There is no unbelief,  
Whoever plants a seed beneath the sod  
And waits to see it push away the clod,  
He trusts in God.

There is no unbelief,  
Whoever sees, 'neath winter's field of snow,  
The silent harvest of the future grow,  
God's power must know.

There is no unbelief,  
Whoever lies down on his couch to sleep,  
Content to lock each sense in slumber deep,  
Knows God will keep.

. . . Lizzie York Case





# Second Evangelical United Brethren Church



ORIGINAL 2nd E. U. B. CHURCH

"The Church now known as SECOND EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN was for many years, and to many residents of the area even today, known as Gravel Hill United Brethren Church. The first Church was built in 1846 and was called "Zion's Church on Gravel Hill". As a result of a merger of the Evangelical and United Brethren In Christ denominations, on November 16, 1946 in Johnstown, Pa., the name was again changed and is today the SECOND EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH.

Though attached to many circuits during its history, it became a self-sustaining charge in 1911. On May 20, 1906 the present building was dedicated and to this building was added an Educational Unit which was dedicated by

Bishop George E. Epp on January 27, 1952. In April, 1955 final plans were accepted and work was begun to enlarge and beautify the sanctuary. This work was completed in October of 1955 with Dedication Services being held January 15-29, 1956. The Sanctuary and overflow space can now comfortably seat four hundred and fifty people. Our Membership numbers 559 with a Sunday School enrollment of 683.

Mr. Edwin F. Cassel is serving in his 32nd year as Sunday School Superintendent, and at the recent session of the East Pennsylvania Conference of the E.U.B. Church served as Official Delegate for the 40th consecutive year. The only living member of the Board of Trustees serving at the time the present church structure was built is Mr. Emmanuel M. Baum. 66 pastors have served the Congregation over the past 114 years. The Rev. Allen G. Nye had the distinction of serving the longest pastorate, up to the present time, that of fourteen years . . . during his ministry the members were thoroughly grounded in Christian principles and practices. Dr. Calvin H. Reber, the only living former pastor, is presently serving as Professor of Missions in the United Theological Seminary at Dayton, Ohio. The present Pastor, the Rev. Melvin E. Patrick, has been shepherding this active Congregation since October of 1946."

SECOND E. U. B.  
CHURCH and EDU-  
CATION BUILDING





# Grace Brethren Church

In the early fall of 1954, feeling compelled of the Lord to start a Brethren testimony in Hershey, The Brethren Home Missions Council of Winona Lake, Indiana searched there for a building site. Not being able to find a desirable location, the Council concluded that the Lord may be leading elsewhere. About November, 1954, in the fair town of Palmyra, three miles east of Hershey, a business transaction was about to take place involving the transfer of three properties. This proved to be the leading of the Lord, for the door was open for a Brethren testimony to be established in the building vacated by the Evangelical Congregational Church.

News of this business transaction, which made available for purchase a church, a parsonage, and another house, was carried to a member of the Melrose Gardens Grace Brethren Church by a trustee of the Evangelical Congregation. In view of the fact that this site was so near the originally desired location, the information was taken to the Harrisburg church where it became a matter of constant prayer.

The Atlantic District Missions Board met at the location in Palmyra to view the building. After some discussion by the members of the board, it was unanimously decided that the District Mission Board should take advantage of this opportunity pending final approval by the Brethren Home Missions Council, Inc. At that meeting, a down payment was made by the District Mission Board to the Evangelical Congregation.

Shortly thereafter, a meeting of all members who lived in the Palmyra area and would become members of the new church was called by the Harrisburg church for the purpose of organizing and electing temporary officers. There were fifty-two members of the Melrose Gardens Grace Brethren Church who would have less driving distance to the new church who indicated a desire to become members of the Palmyra congregation.

The settlement was about April 4, 1956 and possession of the property was had about June 1, 1956, after which the interior of the church was redecorated.

The members prayerfully sought for the man of God's choosing to pastor the new church. After much prayer to determine the Lord's will, Rev. Robert Wm. Markley of Alexandria,



Virginia, accepted a call to become the first pastor of this work.

The first service was held by the newly organized church on Sunday morning, July 8, 1956. The pastor-elect, Rev. Markley, was present to preach the morning message although he did not move to the field permanently until a later date. Rev. Harold H. Etling, National Sunday School Director of the Brethren Church was also present for the day and brought the evening message.

We are praising the Lord for His faithfulness from the beginning of negotiations until the present time and are trusting for the same faithfulness of our God for the future.

## The Message of the Grace Brethren Church

1. OUR MOTTO: "The Bible, the whole Bible, and nothing but the Bible."
2. The authority and integrity of the Holy Scriptures, the very word of God, a supernaturally given revelation. 11 Tim. 3:16; 11 Peter 1:21.
3. We understand the basic content of our Doctrinal preaching and teaching to be:
  - (1) The Pre-existence, Deity, and Incarnation by the Virgin Birth of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.
  - (2) The Fall of Man, his consequent spiritual death and utter sinfulness, and the necessity of his New Birth.
  - (3) The Vicarious Atonement of the Lord Jesus Christ through the shedding of His Own Blood.
  - (4) The Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ in the body in which He suffered and died and His subsequent Glorification at the Right Hand of God.
  - (5) Justification by personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, of which obedience to the will of God and works of righteousness are the evidence and result; the resurrection of the dead, the judgment of the world, and the life everlasting of the just.
  - (6) The Personality and Deity of the Holy Spirit who indwells the Christian and his Comforter and guide.
  - (7) The Christian should "be not conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind"; should not engage in carnal strife and should not swear at all.
  - (8) The Personal and Visible Return of our Lord Jesus Christ from Heaven as King of kings and Lord of lords, the glorious goal of which we are taught to watch, wait and pray.
  - (9) The Christian should observe the ordinances of Baptism by Triune Immersion, Communion, the Lord's Supper, the Washing of the Saints' Feet, the Anointing of the sick with oil.



# CIVIC *Palmyra*

Palmyra American Legion Home



"The greater part of progress is the desire to progress."

Seneca



# PALMYRA AMERICAN LEGION

## Quigley-Baum Post No. 72



At the Paris Caucus of the Legion in March, 1919, it declared its desire to "perpetuate the principles of Justice, Freedom and Democracy for which we have fought." This objective inspired the returned veterans to organize Posts in towns and cities across the land. Palmyra veterans met in the P. O. S. of A. hall (Moyer furniture store building) July 18, 1919, for this purpose. The first officers were elected at the August meeting in the same room.

The Post was named for Harrison Quigley, a runner, who was killed in action in France. He was truly representative of patriotic Americans, and he lived in this atmosphere in his home, for his father was a veteran of the Civil War.

At the close of World War II the Post added the name of Baum for Kenneth R. Baum, who was killed in action at St. Lo, France, July 11, 1944. He had received the Legion medal award for scholastic-athletic attainment at high school graduation, May 31, 1940. He too represented that commendable host of American youth who

rose to the occasion during World War II.

Meeting in temporary quarters until 1927, the Post activities increased when they occupied the remodeled Snavelly property on North Railroad street. This building was acquired thru the efforts of the late Harry R. Seltzer, Assistant Postmaster, and the late George C. Kennedy, a former Burgess.

The Post now occupies one of the finest buildings in the Commonwealth. The dedication was staged on Memorial Day, 1950. The building committee included: Harry C. Poorman, Chairman; John Shenk, Charles D. Gingrich, William Sando, William Estep, William Dohner, Henry Spangler, Miles Neidig, Albeft Snavelly, Jr., Roy Lingle, Charles Manwiller, Harold Cockley, David Early, Guy Goodman, Raymond Ulrich, John Klinger and Cassel Shenk. The building has become a veritable community centre. Veteran groups, service clubs, Scouts, and a wide range of other organizations make use of its facilities, including dining areas and the latest in bowling accommodations.



# PAST COMMANDERS

## Quigley-Baum Unit No. 72



### PAST COMMANDERS

Robert E. Hartz, 1919-1922-1923-1924; Ralph Mease, 1920; \*Harry B. Brown, 1921; Harry Poorman, 1925-1926; Charles D. Gingrich, 1927; \*J. Earl Heisey, 1928; Harold Cockley, 1929; Henry P. Spangler, 1930; Paul B. Yoder, 1931; \*Ray Bright, 1932; Harry Baker, 1933; E. Warren Martz, 1934; \*James Strickler, 1935; Martin Brandt, 1936; Miles Neidig, 1937; Perry B. Bicksler, 1938; A. Maynard Hess, 1939; J. Ben Dubson, 1940; Dr. J. C. Nisley, 1941; \*Herman Hoover, 1942; Guy W. Seiger, 1943; LeRoy B. Yeatts, 1944; William Sando, 1945; John A. Shenk, 1946; Roy Lingle, 1947; Guy V. Goodman, 1948; John Klinger, 1949; Cassel Shenk, 1950; Raymond B. Ulrich, 1951; Albert Snavely, 1952; Warren Habecker, 1953; Warren Spancake, 1954; Samuel Bomgardner, Jr., 1955; Norman Glasmire, 1956; \*David (King) Early, 1956; Russel B. Felker, 1957; Philip Borke, 1958; John C. Nornhold, 1959; Walter L. Wright, 1960.

\*Deceased



# AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

## QUIGLEY-BAUM UNIT NO. 72



OFFICERS—FRONT ROW, left to right: Miss Kathryn Shiffler, Corr. Sec.; Mrs. Ralph McCurdy, Pres.; Mrs. John Sauley, Treas.; Mrs. Viola Landis, Chaplain. BACK ROW: Mrs. Lloyd Rhoads, 1st Vice-Pres.; Mrs. Raymond Ulrich, Sec. Vice-Pres.; Mrs. Clarence Baum, Historian; Miss Iva Spancake, Recording Sec., and Mrs. Arthur McCurdy, Sergeant-at-Arms.

Quigley-Baum Unit 72 of the American Legion Auxiliary was organized December 4, 1922, and chartered in 1923. The original name of the unit was Harrison B. Quigley but in 1950, by vote of the World War II Veterans, it was changed to its present title. When first organized the group was small but at the end of the past year the membership totalled 557.

Membership in the Auxiliary cannot be purchased—it must be gained by having entry through a war veteran. The mother, sister, wife, or daughter of a Legionnaire are all eligible for membership.

Obligations to the State and National organizations have been met at all times, resulting in citations and awards being presented to the Unit almost every year. The outstanding portion of activity is service to the disabled veteran, his children, and to any others who may need assistance.

One of the regular activities is the sale of Poppies for Memorial Day. By this means many

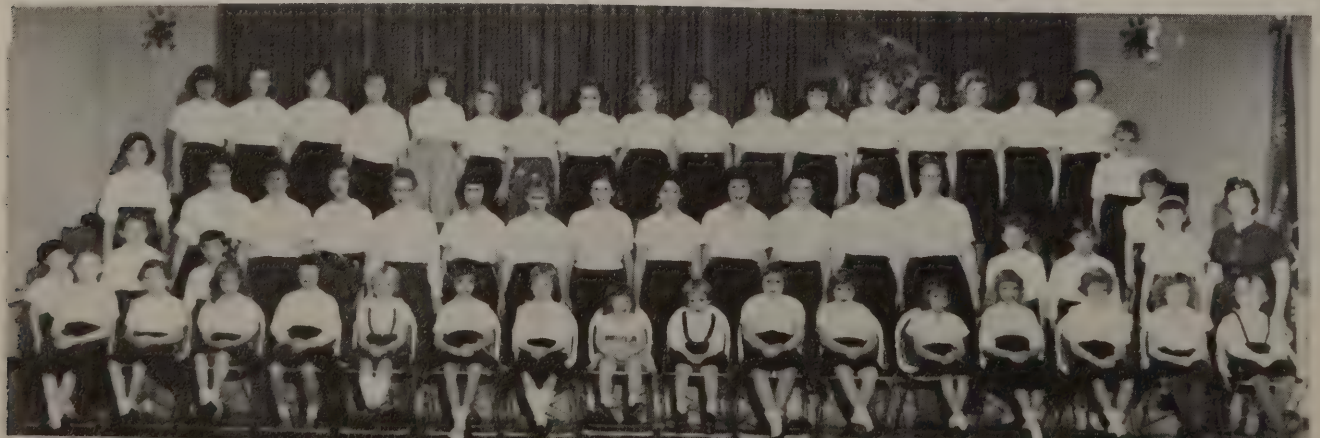
disabled men at the Lebanon Veterans Administration Hospital are given employment and the profit from the sale used for rehabilitation.

For many years an AMERICANISM MEDAL is given to the outstanding girl in the local high school. A Junior in High School attends Keystone Girls' Camp at Shippensburg State Teachers College year.

There are twenty "Gold Star Mothers" on the Life Membership Roll.

The Juniors were organized April 30, 1932 by Mrs. John Sauley, Unit President, and Mrs. Marie Baum, Junior Advisor. There are three classes: Tiny Tots, Little Girls, and Big Girls. At the age of 18 they become members of the Senior Group. There are 105 children enrolled.

Officers are as follows: Junior Chairman, Kay Fontenoy; First Vice-Chairman, Myrle Geist; Secretary, Helen Hetrick; Chaplain, Donna Dishong; Sergeant-at-Arms, Donna Baum and Linda Mase. Advisors to this group are Mrs. Ralph McCurdy, Mrs. Lloyd Johnson and Mrs. Lloyd Rhoads.





# VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS



## V.F.W. AUXILIARY

In August of 1946 the Palmyra V.F.W. Auxiliary was organized with twenty-six charter members. Mrs. Gladys Hoover served as the first president. Meetings were held in a local restaurant until April, 1948, when the group moved into the Post Home on E. Main Street. Membership at this time stands at 103 active members. Officers are as follows: President, Mrs. Kathryn Lankford; Vice President, Mrs. Erma Ebersole; Jr. Vice President, Mrs.

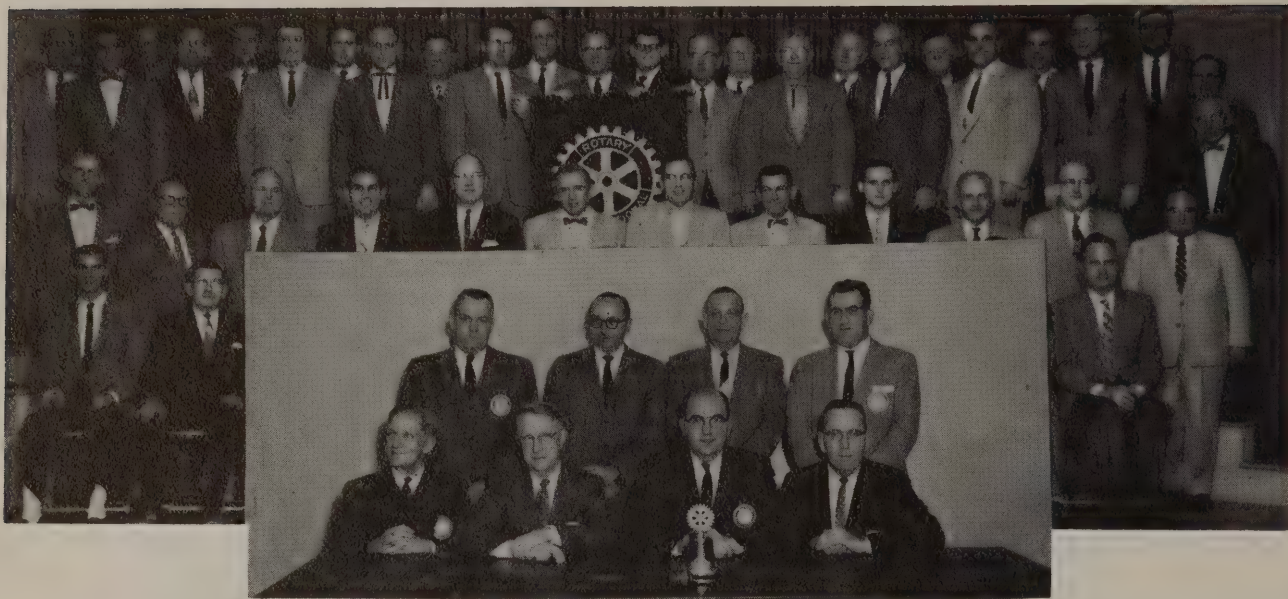
Nora McEvers; Treasurer, Mrs. Lucille Funk; Secretary, Mrs. Ruth Blouch.

In March, 1955, sixteen children were organized into a Junior Auxiliary to V.F.W. Mrs. Kathryn Lankford, Chairman of Youth Activities, and Mrs. Dorothy Dissinger, who was President of the Ladies Auxiliary at that time, were responsible for organizing the group. Judith Wanfried was the first president. Total membership today stands at 27 active members.





# PALMYRA ROTARY CLUB



The Palmyra Rotary Club was chartered November 28, 1939, in the old gymnasium of the Elementary School Building. The club was "Mothered" by the Lebanon Club under the direction of Reuben F. King. There were thirty-three charter members, of whom five remain active, representing as many different businesses and professions in the community. Harry R. Seltzer served as the first president; D. Eugene Shenk as secretary; and Joseph P. Lauck as treasurer. The club met in Yingst's Hotel and were served "Family Style".

Rotary seeks the best so it was only natural that many of the important community developments were spearheaded by the members; such as clothing and bond drives, purchase of the first ambulance, promoting leadership by honoring the "Boy of the Month" from the local high school, and the man and lady "Citizen of the Year". Rotary also gives book scholarships to worthy seniors preparing for a college education. The club has provided all the recreation equipment in "Kreider's Orchard" and subscribed to the Community Swimming Pool drive. A Boy Scout troop is sponsored by Rotary. Prizes for outstanding Christmas decorations are given yearly by the club.

Besides their interest on the local level, the Palmyra Club has wholeheartedly helped in the "Rotary Foundation" through which more than twelve hundred young men and women from

the United States and other lands have had advanced study in foreign lands, thereby furthering their education beyond four years of college and at the same time becoming ambassadors-at-large.

The Palmyra Rotary Club is exemplary of the town itself; stable and conservative in its development, its activity and its beliefs. It represents a pillar to the foundation of the community and is an integral part in the American way of living.

## PAST PRESIDENTS

*HARRY R. SELTZER.....	'39-'40
SAMUEL A. HARTMAN.....	'40-'41
*ELMER G. LEINBACH.....	'41-'42
*WILLIAM E. KREIDER.....	'42-'43
MILTON STOKES.....	'43-'44
J. CROLL NISLEY.....	'44-'45
REUEL E. SWANK.....	'45-'46
HOMER S. FORNEY.....	'46-'47
*GEORGE D. RILEY.....	'47-'48
*JOSEPH E. LAUCK.....	'48-'49
SAMUEL O. GRIMM.....	'49-'50
NORMAN J. ROTHERMEL.....	'50-'51
*LEROY H. MILLAR.....	'51-'52
*MORRIS M. MOYER.....	'52-'53
ELVIN O. MILLER.....	'53-'54
*DAVID H. KREIDER.....	'54-'55
ROBERT B. DiMATTEO.....	'55-'56
CLYDE H. HEISEY.....	'56-'57
LAWRENCE E. KEGERREIS.....	'57-'58
ELVIN H. SPITLER.....	'58-'59
CLYDE P. STACKS.....	'59-'60

\*Deceased



# Palmyra Rotary Ann Club



The Palmyra R-Ann Club came into being in the spring of 1948. Mrs. William Riley, whose husband was president of the Palmyra Rotary Club at that time, organized the wives of Rotarians and helped to plan for their future well-being.

The first meeting was held May 11, 1948, with the late Harry Seltzer conducting the induction services for the officers of the new R-Ann organization. They were: Mrs. Homer Forney, President; Mrs. Clair Harnish, First Vice-President; Mrs. Mary Sando, Second Vice-President; Mrs. Joseph Lauck and Mrs. Norman Rothermel, Directors; Mrs. Samuel Grimm, Treasurer, and Mrs. William Riley, Secretary. The mem-

bership totalled thirty-five.

Meeting at the Dutch Diner once each month for dinner and an interesting program of music, speakers, illustrated talks, etc., has helped the R-Ann's to appreciate and share the fellowship their husbands enjoy as members of Rotary.

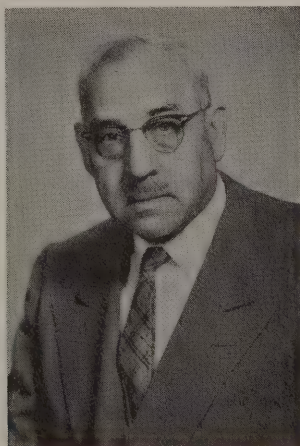
The present membership of the group numbers forty-four, and the officers who will serve until June, 1960, are: Mrs. LeVere Spohn, President; Mrs. Elvin Spitler, First Vice-President; Mrs. Carlos Adams, Second Vice-President; Mrs. W. J. Williams, Secretary; Mrs. W. E. Kreider, Treasurer; Mrs. Kenneth Frey, First Director; Mrs. Walter Wright, Second Director.

## Palmyra Business Men's Association

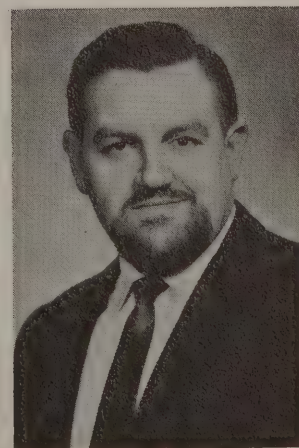
Founded in 1948 by J. W. Pickel.



Garman C. Laudermilch  
President



Owen Slauter  
1st V.-Pres.



Wilbur Stauffer  
Sec.-Treas.



# PALMYRA LION'S CLUB

Palmyra Lions was organized in 1938 with a charter membership of 24. Their first meeting place was Farver's restaurant and here they adopted the major project of Lions International—that of sight conservation. This program was strengthened in 1946 when the clubs of the county joined in employing a nurse to devote full time to the work.

Midget baseball for boys 8 to 12 years of age is sponsored from year to year by the Lions. This program will be broadened this

year to include the playgrounds. The outstanding talent of the Midget graduates find further support by the Lions in Teen-Age baseball, for boys 12 to 15 years of age.

The Lions joined the other clubs and community organizations in supporting the swimming pool project, their contribution amounting to \$2,000.

The club meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 6:15 p.m. in the American Legion Home.

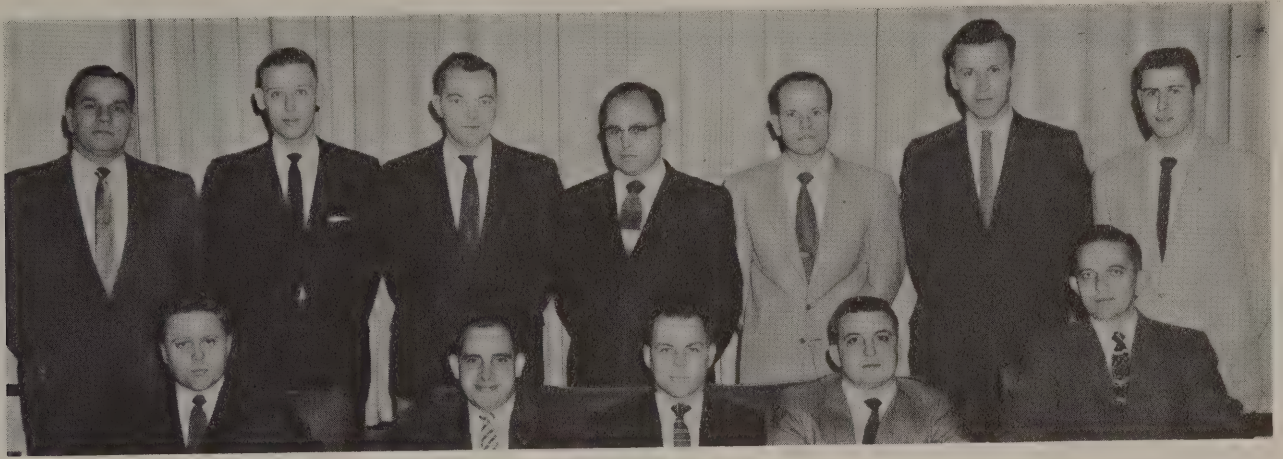
## OFFICERS

President: Mark O. Sheeley, Jr.  
Immediate Past President: Paul L. Meyer  
Secretary: Israel B. Earley  
Treasurer: Gene O. Light  
1st Vice Pres.: Ralph H. Sherk  
2nd Vice Pres.: Samuel A. Bongardner, Jr.  
3rd Vice Pres.: Edward B. Baker  
Lion Tamer: John W. Summy  
Tail Twister: Earl J. Hagan  
Directors: S. Clyde Shaffer, Paul C. Spahr,  
Edwin C. Hostetter, L. C. Gingrich





# Palmyra Junior Chamber Of Commerce



Born in the minds and hearts of Palmyra's young men, the Palmyra Junior Chamber of Commerce was chartered as a chapter of the state and national organization in October, 1953. Since this time an active enthusiastic membership has wholeheartedly devoted its time and energies to the dual role of civic improvement and leadership training.

With a dedicated sense of purpose and community pride, the Palmyra Jaycees have recognized as their obligation the responsibility of contributing to the enrichment of life in our

community. It is this basic premise that stands behind all the activities in which they engage: Teen-Age Golf, Teen-Age Road-e-o, Learn-to-swim, Christmas Toy Shop, Scholarship Fund, Midget Football, Community Development, J.C. Carnival and Auction.

The Palmyra Jaycees, a young organization of young men of action, training tomorrow's leaders today, pledged to community service, join with their friends and neighbors in celebrating Palmyra's Bi-Centennial year and look to the next hundred years with the faith and spirit embodied in the Jaycee Creed:

## We Believe:

That faith in God gives meaning and purpose to human life;  
That the brotherhood of man transcends the sovereignty of nations;  
That economic justice can best be won by free men through free enterprise;  
That government should be of laws rather than of men;  
That earth's great treasure lies in human personality;  
And that service to humanity is the best work of life.



# Palmyra Optimist Club



## THE OPTIMIST CREED

### Promise Yourself—

- To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.
- To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.
- To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.
- To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.
- To think only of the best, to work only for the best and expect only the best.
- To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.
- To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.
- To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.
- To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.
- To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.

Optimist International

## Society Of Farm Women-Palmyra Group No. 3



ORGANIZED—October 9, 1941

REAR ROW: Beulah Spangler, Ellen Grubb, Martha Heisey, Mary Huber, Anna Wolf, Ruby Bowman, Laura Coffman, Mary Smith, Elizabeth Bucher. SECOND ROW: Florence Brandt, Ann Lehman, Asst. Sec. Stella Gingrich, V.-Pres. Edna Kelley, Pres. Sara Grubb, Treas. Katie Bucher, Violet Alger, Mary Forney. KNEELING: Naomi Mathias, Ann Staver, Delores Hitz, Asst. Treas. Arlene Bucher.



# WOMAN'S CLUB OF PALMYRA



The organization meeting of the Woman's Club of Palmyra was held by Miss Anna Kreider, who was president of the Woman's Club of Lebanon, October 27, 1937. At this time it was decided to organize a Woman's Club in Palmyra.

The next meeting was held November 22, 1937, in charge of chairwoman Mrs. Miles Horst. At this meeting Mrs. Horst was chosen as the first president of the club.

Since 1937, the Woman's Club has been meet-

ing the fourth Monday of each month, September through May. The present meeting place is the Parish Hall of First Church E.U.B., in Palmyra.

The officers elected to serve from 1958-1960 include: President, Mrs. Wayne Fridy; First Vice-President, Mrs. H. Jack Seltzer; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Robert DiMatteo; Recording Secretary, Mrs. J. Gerald Cassel; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Wilmot Schroyer; and Treasurer, Mrs. John Manbeck.

## JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB OF PALMYRA

The Junior Woman's Club of Palmyra was organized September 12, 1946, by Mrs. E. Bruce Kistler.

The officers elected to serve from 1958-60 include: Mrs. Stewart C. Schule, Pres.; Mrs. Fred A. Schaeffer, 1st V.P.; Miss Winifred Kreider, 2nd V.P.; Mrs. Lloyd Putt, Rec. Sec.; Mrs. Samuel Farver, Jr., Corres. Sec.; and Mrs. David W. Stauffer, Treas.

Past Presidents: Mrs. Howard J. Hippensteel (1946-48), Mrs. Edgar S. Shank (1948-50), Mrs. H. Jack Seltzer (1950-52), Dr. Catherine H. Hand (1952-54), Mrs. John Rauch (1954-56), Mrs. Norman A. Reigle, Jr. (1956-58), Mrs. Stewart V. Schule (1958-60).





# Palmyra Recreation Association



In 1954 a committee appointed by the Palmyra Junior Chamber of Commerce sent letters to all of the service organizations in town for the purpose of forming the Palmyra Recreation Association.

In 1955 a constitution and by-laws were adopted and officers elected. Its purpose is to provide recreation for all age groups regardless of race, color or creed.

Since its organization it has undertaken projects such as Senior Citizens Picnic, Adult education classes, Halloween Parade, Teenage Halloween dances, and raised money towards tennis courts constructed on the school playground.

In 1959 the organization spearheaded a drive to a successful conclusion for a community swimming pool by raising \$80,000. The pool is to be ready for use on June 1, 1960.

## Citizens Fire Co. Auxiliary



Feb. 26th, 1948 a Group of wives and daughters of the members of the Citizens Fire Co. No. 1 of Palmyra, Penna., met to form an auxiliary. To date the membership has reached a total of 207 members.

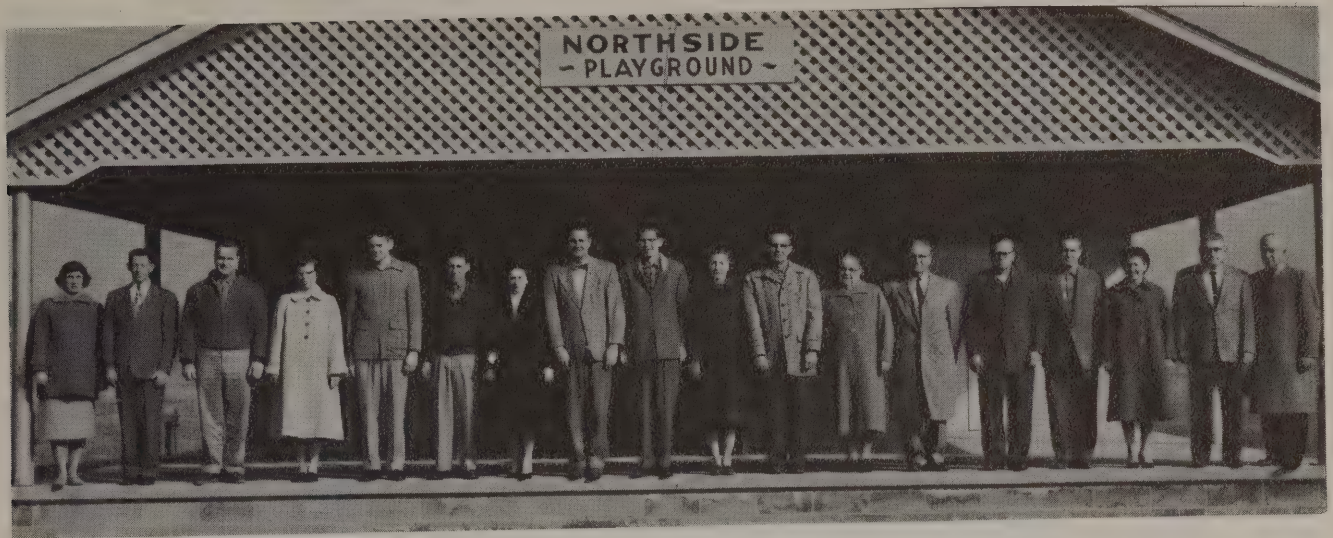
Ever since its organization the auxiliary has been a valuable asset to the company activities, serving the firemen when on active duty and contributing financially to the company and

community.

The officers for the year 1960 are as follows: President, Shirley Miller; Vice-President, Nancy Kepler; Secretary, Mary Shatto; Assistant Secretary, Mildred Beam; Treasurer, Irene Snavelly; Financial Secretary, Audrey Lebo; Trustees, Blanche Smith, Muriel Mengle, Betty Honabach.



# NORTHSIDE PLAYGROUND



In the beginning of June, 1950, a group of interested parents and friends of children, feeling the need of a playground on the north side of the railroad tracks, met at the home of Ed and Mary Meyer to discuss the possibilities of a recreational area. Prior to this time the youngsters played in vacant lots or on the streets.

The group was organized and chose as their president, Rev. Melvin Patrick; Vice-President, Edward Meyer; Treasurer, Melvyn Bowman, and Secretary, Mary Meyer. Walter Houser was appointed Financial Secretary and Mrs. Ben Shonk as chairman of the Social Committee.

A lot was chosen and on July 1, 1950, an agreement was drawn between Raymond and Esther Garber and the directors of the Playground Association. It was agreed to lease the lot from the Reading Railroad property north, and on the East side of Chestnut Street (a plot of three and one-half acres) for \$35.00 per year with an option to buy within five years. In March of 1951, a charter was filed and "The Northside Playground Association of Palmyra" became a reality and was officially designated as such.

The first summer three festivals were held to raise money for the expense of grading and future purchases of equipment. The winter months were spent planning for the equipment that would best suit the needs of the children. It was decided to buy a twenty-foot sliding board, six swing set with three bucket swings and three straight swings, four twelve-foot swings, a Jungle Jim, see-saws and a Miracle Whirl. Ping-pong tables were later built by the

men. A baseball diamond was completed and quoit beds installed. A basketball backboard was also erected.

The second winter found the Association selling Christmas decorations, hand-made toys, nuts, and cookies in an effort to increase the funds in the treasury. Food was prepared by the women and sold at farm sales. Rummage sales and community sales were held. Corn was raised and sold. June of 1951 and again in June of 1958 the town was solicited for funds. Ham dinners are now served to meet current expenses.

A building was donated by Messrs. Logan and Mumma which for eight years was used as a kitchen and storage place for equipment. In 1952 the wooden lavatories were replaced by concrete block restrooms. A storage place to house a power mower and other equipment was also added. A pavilion was erected in 1954 and additional land purchased on which to construct a more adequate ball diamond.

In 1951 the Palmyra School Board decided to send Herbert Eckenroth to the Playground during the summer to serve as Supervisor. He was assisted by some of the mothers. The following year James Mohr became supervisor and served in that capacity until 1957. During most of these years mothers of the community assisted him with crafts, games, etc. Then in 1956, Miss Mona Weiland became Craft Supervisor—spending part of her time at the Railroad Street Elementary School playground and part of it at Northside. Harry Barnhart was appointed



Sports Supervisor in 1958.

To equip the kitchen, stainless flatwear, a French-frier, electric coffee-maker and roaster, hot water heater, grill and stoves were purchased. Much of this equipment has since been loaned to various civic groups and is available to them for the asking.

Picnic tables have been built by men of the Association and the facilities are available to the public for their enjoyment at all times. Much credit should go to this civic-minded group of people who had but one thing in mind—to serve the needs of the children on the Northside and to keep them safe.

Fifteen members of the Association comprise

the Board of Directors. They are as follows: President, Raymond Garber; Vice-President, George Rauch; Treasurer, Robert Meyer; Secretary, Myrle Baldwin; Financial Secretary, Charles Hess; Directors: James Hott, William Garber, Samuel Brightbill, Kenneth Herr, Lloyd Sheetz, Mary Hostetter, Helen Irvin, Margaret Buck, Clifford Walton, and John Hostetter.

Former officers who served faithfully include Rev. Melvin Patrick, Edward Meyer, Lloyd Sheetz, Richard Bishop, and James Mohr as President; Treasurer—Melvin Bowman, Lloyd Sheetz; Secretary—Mary Meyer; Financial Secretary—Walter Houser, Randall Blouch, and Kenneth Herr.

## SALVATION ARMY

In January of 1950, Roland W. Keller, representing the Salvation Army in Philadelphia, came to Palmyra to organize a Service Unit. The purpose of this unit was to render immediate emergency assistance to the less fortunate of Palmyra. Dr. Stanley Billheimer was selected to serve as Chairman of this Committee with C. J. Signor as Treasurer. Mrs. Howard Snavely, Jay Krady, and Mrs. Albert Seltzer completed the Committee. At the request of Dr. Billheimer, Mrs. Albert Seltzer was appointed Chairman in 1952 and Dr. Billheimer then took the position of Honorary Chairman. Since 1950 the Burgess of Palmyra, by virtue of his position, has been a member of the Palmyra Service Unit Committee.

Hundreds of families in the community have been assisted in various ways over the past ten

years. Aid has been given by providing groceries, fuel, rent, utilities, medical and dental care, Christmas baskets, toys, medicine, clothing, shoes, furniture, and last but not least, counseling and guidance.

Each member of the Service Unit Committee serves on a voluntary basis and receives no remuneration for their work. They have not only given of their time, but also have assisted financially in carrying on this humanitarian program. They are without a doubt a great asset to the Borough of Palmyra.

The present Salvation Army Palmyra Service Unit Committee consists of the following members: Mrs. Albert Seltzer, Chairman; C. J. Signor, Treasurer; Dr. Stanley Billheimer, Honorary Chairman; Mrs. W. Mabel Evans, Mrs. F. A. Steinmetz, Secretary; Mr. Albert Seltzer, Welfare Secretary, and Burgess Archie Gruber.





# PALMYRA WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION



The place-name, "Palmyra" has its origin in Palmyra, Syria. Not unlike ancient Palmyra, Palmyra, Lebanon County was a fertile and well-watered tract of land, the right held exclusively by Dr. John Palm. Here were quiet roads lined with substantial houses, a few stores, here and there a church lifting its spires to heaven, a church school and five taverns. The settlers of Palmyra and their descendants were of excellent stock, thrifty, deeply religious, law-abiding and freedom loving.

But there were those who coveted earnestly the best gifts and offered unto God the most excellent sacrifice. To aid in writing laws and principles of peace, purity, and abstinence from beverage alcohol upon the hearts of people, a Woman's Christian Temperance Union functioned in Palmyra, paying dues to Mrs. Melly, Lebanon County Treasurer in 1914-1915. On the roster of names were Mrs. Lillie S. McLanigan, Mrs. M. R. Fisher, Mrs. John Shrwer, Mrs. E. O. Burtner, Mrs. E. M. Baum, and Mrs. C. F. Zimmerman. Miss Amanda Landis Lancaster, State Vice-President and Mrs. J. G. Francis, Lebanon County President, reorganized the work begun in 1913 in the United Evangelical Church, April 30, 1923. To this group of devoted women, Mrs. Sallie Mark, Mrs. John Schroll, and Miss Mabel Bahner became affiliates and from which Mrs. Mary Bahner was elected President, Mrs. John Schroll, Vice-President, Mrs. John McLanigan,

Secretary, and Mrs. E. M. Baum, Treasurer.

Believing that the universe is not meaningless, purposeless, goes to death's end, the members of Palmyra Local base their hopes on immortality and in the God of open thoroughfares. Toward this end is sponsored three flourishing Junior organizations. The White Ribbon Recruit was organized in 1928 by Mrs. Bahner, the major objective being to enlist young mothers who will teach and instill correct patterns for successful living in their young children. Mrs. Marlin Heisey is the Secretary of W.R.R. The Loyal Temperance Legion members are children of six to fourteen years fitting themselves through character building projects and recreation to accept challenges and mastery of problems. The Loyal Temperance Legion was organized by Mrs. Bahner in 1927. The Secretary of this group is Mrs. Elmer Hein. The Youth Temperance Council was organized in 1932 by Mrs. Bahner with the purpose of uniting the young people of the community in a Christian Citizenship program, to build for total abstinence for the individual and sobriety of the nation. The State Motto is "Lifting Others As We Climb." Mrs. Betty Masimer is the Local Secretary.

Since 1923, the Palmyra Union increased in membership, interest, and activities, gaining the State Standard of Excellence award many years.



# LOYAL ORDER OF MOOSE



INVITES YOU — WANTS YOU — URGES YOU TO JOIN  
WITH US NOW  
ENROLLMENT FEE \$10.00

Security for the Aged at Moosehaven in Sunny Florida

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for the Children at Mooseheart, Illinois

The World's Greatest Fraternal Order for the Protection of the Family

1910

50 Years of Progress

1960

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Lebanon, Penna.

## WOMEN OF THE MOOSE

LEBANON LODGE NO. 228

1935

"25th Anniversary"

The Lebanon Chapter has worked for the "Child City"—Mooseheart, Illinois and the Home for the Aged—Moosehaven, Florida. The Chapter contributes to all charitable drives and works for the good of the community. Lebanon Chapter also sponsors a girl from the community each year to train as a nurse.

Officers for 1959-1960: Jr. Grad. Regent, Alice J. Eck; Senior Regent, Daisy M. Popp; Junior Regent, Ann Brenner; Chaplain, Gertrude Sepulveda; Recorder, Ernestine Anspach; Treasurer, Louise Morningstar.





# ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR



FRONT ROW, left to right: Mary Neiswinter, Frances Light, Mable Evans, Margaret Wolfe, Cynthia Hummer, Gloria Bashore, Margaret Moore. MIDDLE ROW: Catherine Custer, Betty June Bomgardner, Emma Meyer, Nona Devereaux, Edna Barnard, Mildred Lehman, Margaret Sponsler. ROW THREE: Marion Goodman, Hilda Lehman, Margaret Fitterer, Betty Shank, Ethel Stidworthy, Rev. Phares Gible, Ilda Fazenbaker, Jane Farver, Lila Moyer, Carrie Lauser.

# ORDER OF RAINBOW FOR GIRLS

Sponsored by the Palmyra Chapter of the Eastern Star. Mother Advisor—Catherine W. Custer.



FRONT ROW: Judy Snyder, Mary Hoerner, Penny Eichorn, Marilyn Kozak, Patricia Drescher, Cheryl Morden. MIDDLE ROW: Charon Stauffer, Carol Gingrich, Frances Sattazhan, Leslie Rosensteel, Jane Porter. BACK ROW: Donna Whitmoyer, Donna Wagner, Marilyn Kutz (Worthy Advisor), Pamela Kern, Carol Lehman.



# Palmyra Parent-Teacher Association

On October 17, 1951, a group of parents and teachers, numbering approximately 150, gathered in the Auditorium of the Elementary School Building. The purpose was to organize a Parent-Teachers Association.

Preceding this first meeting a group of interested people had secured the information concerning the procedure for organizing; the values of being affiliated with other State and National organizations and a list of proposed by-laws. Dues were set at fifty cents a year. A date for future meetings was selected also. All of the above was presented to the group and found approval. Dr. J. G. Graybill was selected to serve as President from October, 1951 to May of 1952. At the initial meeting 153 members were enrolled and that has now swelled to 762 as of January 1, 1960.

The Program Committee has always strived to secure the best speakers. The administrators of both the Elementary and High School have been invaluable in bringing to the P.T.A. the latest teaching methods, data on the new report system, the building program, the cafeteria program, and many other subjects of interest and concern to the parents of the community.

Many of the programs presented consist of musical talent drawn from the entire school system. These groups demonstrate effectively the excellent music supervision our children receive in the Palmyra schools.

The P.T.A. sponsors one money-raising project each year and that is in the form of an "Annual Street Fair and Chicken Bar-B-Q." The proceeds of this effort are returned to the school in the form of gifts. The P.T.A. helps to finance a field day trip for the School Patrol. They also sponsor a Girl Scout Troop. Some of their other activities include aid to the Future Teachers of America, scholarship awards, a contribution to the Community Swimming Pool Fund, and they are represented at the Palmyra Recreation Association.

The main object of P.T.A. is to promote a better understanding and closer association between parents, teachers, and pupils.

Past presidents of the Association include Mrs. Edward Meyer (May, 1952-May, 1954), Walter Light (May, 1954-May, 1955), Mrs. Edward Meyer (May, 1955-May, 1956); Mrs. George Burianic (May, 1956-May, 1958), John Banghart (May, 1958-May, 1960).

## Palmyra War Mothers





# PALMYRA GIRL SCOUTS



The purpose of this organization is to help girls develop into being happy and resourceful, willing to share their abilities as citizens in their homes, their communities, their country and the world. They were first introduced into Palmyra in 1920 by Mrs. Nelle Engle whose troop grew to 48 members in 1926, when it was necessary to discontinue the work, due to the illness of Mrs. Engle.

Some months later, Mrs. I. B. Earley, who served as Mrs. Engle's lieutenant, organized a group of 16 of the younger former members, who were then registered as Cardinal Troop No. 1 at National Headquarters on June 11, 1926. Mrs. Russel Hevel served as her lieutenant, and was later succeeded by Mrs. Foster Ulrich. This troop grew to number 24 and was directly responsible for the building of the cabin at Lindberg Springs. It was furnished with articles donated by the scouts, their parents and friends. Cardinal Camp was first used over the Labor Day weekend of 1928. Many pleasant memories linger in the minds of the scouts who have enjoyed the yearly day camps and longer troop camping trips. A flag pole was donated by Martin H. Early and several fathers of the scouts, and a flag was received from the P.O.S. of A. Camp 192.

The first Troop Committee named to guide the work was Mrs. Wm. McEwen, Mrs. George Etter, Mrs. George Gerth, Mrs. Horace Storm, Miss Sara Bowman and Miss Mabel Foltz.

In 1938, the movement became so popular, it was necessary to divide the original troop and

organize a new one. This growth continued and in 1941 another division was made, which marked the organization of the Senior troop in addition to two Intermediate troops. The first two Brownie troops were also organized this year. The results of this continual growth in scouting from 1945 to 1959 has resulted in the organization of nine additional troops. Our present total of 14 troops include 135 girls in 6 Brownie troops and 199 scouts registered in 7 Intermediate and 1 Senior troops.

Several additions have been added to Cardinal Camp during the past years such as the dining hall and shower room, made possible by donations from the Senior Woman's Club, Rotary, American Legion and friends. The latest addition to the camp facilities is a drinking fountain which was presented last year by all the troops, in honor of Mrs. Engle who began this activity 40 years ago. Those who followed her in the organization of new troops through the years were: Miss June Rabold, Mrs. John L. Witmer, Mrs. Alton Kauffman, Mrs. Nelson Courdier, Mrs. Henry Mark, Mrs. Robert Beard, Mrs. Daniel Baldwin, Mrs. Robert Attick, Mrs. Charles Worrell, Mrs. Henry Miller, Mrs. Charles Graeff, Mrs. M. V. Martin, Mrs. Clarence Bomberger, Mrs. Paul Lutz, Mrs. Ralph Struphar, Mrs. Paul Edwards, Mrs. Charles Zimmerman, Mrs. David Sees, Mrs. Glenn Miller, Mrs. Harold Fetterhoff, Mrs. Edward Meyer, Mrs. Ralph Hershey, Mrs. Alvin Kaylor, Mrs. Robert Beuchler, Mrs. Jacob Shuey and Mrs. Paul Clements. This list does not include troop committee mem-



bers whose number over forty years is too lengthy to record.

The following list are the present troops, their leaders and sponsor:

Brownie No. 86—Miss Marie Buck and Mrs. Marlin Buck; Class No. 1, Church of the Brethren.

Brownie No. 39—Mrs. Harry Diehl, Mrs. Richard Flory and Mrs. Gerard Claing; Dia-konia Class, Palm United Lutheran Church.

Brownie No. 32—Mrs. Howard Neidig and Mrs. Royden Nice; Married Couples Class, First Church Evangelical United Brethren.

Brownie No. 3—Mrs. Harry Smith and Mrs. Russell Detweiler; Class No. 1, Church of the Brethren.

Brownie No. 41—Mrs. Adam Wentling and Miss Florine Coleman; Parent Teacher Assn.

Brownie No. 2—Mrs. Howard Dimpsey and Mrs. Richard Crist; Married Couples Class,

First Church Evangelical United Brethren.

Intermediate No. 17—Mrs. Hugh Seavers, Sr.; Trinity United Church of Christ.

Intermediate No. 11—Mrs. Jacob Shuey and Mrs. Philip Kilbride; Second Church Evangelical United Brethren.

Intermediate No. 98—Mrs. Walter Wright; Trinity United Church of Christ.

Intermediate No. 19—Mrs. Andrew Labosky and Mrs. Harold Funk; American Legion Auxiliary.

Intermediate No. 43—Mrs. Paul Rymoff and Mrs. Kenneth Nye; First Church Evangelical United Brethren.

Intermediate No. 58—Mrs. Paul Rymoff and Mrs. Kenneth Nye; G. S. Neighborhood Assn.

Intermediate No. 5—Mrs. I. B. Earley, Mrs. Robert Brightbill and Mrs. Vester Valentine; Palm United Lutheran Church.

Senior No. 42—Mrs. Paul Rymoff and Mrs. I. B. Earley; Jr. Women's Club.

#### Members of First Girl Scout Troop

FIRST ROW, left to right: Eleanor Engle, Ethel Rohrer, Mabel Seaman, Dorothy Kleinfelter, Bernetta Schriver, Sara Hartz. SECOND ROW: Elizabeth Burtner, Mary Brecker, Mary Reese, Mary Elizabeth Engle, Hannah Walters, Beatrice Slesser. STANDING: Mrs. Nellie Engle — Mrs. Charles Weirich.



## The History of Scouting in Palmyra

by John O. P. Hoffman

The opportunity of the scouting program was made available to boys and parents of Palmyra in 1923, just thirteen years after the birth of the Boy Scouts of America. Boy scout troop 14 was organized and sponsored by the Palm United Lutheran Church in May of that year.

Among the leaders were the Rev. Stanley Billheimer, Leroy Mumma, Elias Mumma, Daniel Daub, Norman Ralchford, M. M. Moyer, and William H. McEwen. The boy members, ranging in age from twelve to fifteen years, were Joseph Berman, Maurice Ruhl, Carl Snavelly, Edward Dustman, Hugh Heaps, Freman Hoke, Donald Klinger, Joseph Kleinfelter, Gordon Mark, Arthur and Thomas Nornhold, Leroy Sholl, Richard Schaffer, Harvey Templin, John

Walters, Malcolm Manwiller, Joseph Mark, Paul Gingrich, Mark Evans, Donald Wagner and William Brightbill.

Troop 14 was maintained by the Lutheran church for over thirty-one consecutive years until February 1959.

As the population of Palmyra grew the need for more scouting units became apparent. By March 1929, Harrison Quigley Post 72, American Legion organized a second Boy Scout troop. This troop is still operating and is now known as Quigley-Baum Post 72, American Legion troop 24.

The Palmyra Pennsylvanians organized and maintained Boy Scout troop 31 from March



1934 to March 1937 when the Independent Order of the Odd Fellows took over as sponsor. The troop continued until 1944.

During the grim years of World War II, the Scouts of Palmyra rendered outstanding service in community and government war time activities.

In June 1946 the Palm United Lutheran Church again took the initiative and organized the first Explorer Post in Palmyra. It was supported until May of the next year.

Cub Scouting was started in March 1952 by the Men's Brotherhood of the Second Evangelical United Brethren Church with Cub Pack 48. The Married Couple's Class of the First Evangelical United Brethren Church Cub Pack 52 was organized the following month. Both are still operating.

Quigley-Baum Post 72, American Legion organized Explorer Post 24 in October 1952. This Post is now active in the new Exploring program for high school age boys.

Other scouting units organized were the Palmyra Rotary Club Boy Scout troop 54 in June 1953, The Men's Brotherhood of the Second Evangelical United Brethren Church Boy Scout troop 48 in March 1954, the Trinity Evangelical and Reformed Church Cub Pack 56 in March 1955, and the Men's Brotherhood of the Second Evangelical United Brethren Church Explorer Post 48. All are still operating.

Also organized but not now in existence were the Rotary Club Explorer Post 54 from November 1955 to June 1957 and the Church of the Brethren Cub Pack 61 from March 1956 to March of the next year.

The newest unit in Palmyra is the Trinity United Church of Christ Boy Scout troop 56, organized in March 1959.

The future of Palmyra and the Nation lies in its youth. Through the full program of the Boy Scouts of America we give our boys character development, citizenship training, and physical fitness.



Boy Scout Troop 54, sponsored by Palmyra Rotary Club. FRONT ROW: G. Adgar, H. McCurdy, C. Becker, D. Weiland, R. Fredericks. SECOND ROW: D. Deaven, S. Disney, C. Messimer, D. Taylor, P. Smith, G. Hammer, J. Zembea, K. Beam, J. Edris, B. Hummel, D. Kling, K. Rabold, J. Shields. REAR ROW: C. Reed, S.M.; R. Meyer, E. Sweitzer, M. Baldwin, J. Spahr, A. McCurdy, W. Fredericks, G. L. Grumbine, H. Moose, A.S.M.



# SERVICE MEN'S PAGE

This page is dedicated to the men and women of Palmyra who served so unselfishly in the Armed Forces during the Spanish-American War, Civil War, World War I, World War II, and the conflict in Korea.

World War I saw the following men give their lives in the line of duty: Irwin Gible, John Hatfield, Peter Lingle, Harrison B. Quigley and Harry Zimmerman.

During World War II these men made the supreme sacrifice:

David W. Bashore, Army Air Corps; Killed in action over Bohlen, Germany, November 30, 1944.

Kenneth R. Baum, Infantry; Killed in action at St. Lo, France, July 11, 1944.

Earl M. Bell, U. S. Navy; Drowned somewhere in the South Pacific, December 10, 1945.

Carl H. Blouch, Army Air Corps; Killed in action in Luxembourg, December 17, 1944.

Robert D. Corl, Infantry; Killed in action in France, January 27, 1945.

John W. Deck, Armored Division; Killed in action in Germany, March 16, 1945.

William S. Dell, Infantry; Killed in action in North Africa, November 27, 1943.

Robert L. Eckert, Infantry; Died of wounds, St. Lo, France, July 10, 1944.

Ammon E. Gingrich, Music Director; died at Washington, D.C., December 13, 1942.

Carl W. Gruber, Army Air Corps; Killed in action over Italy, July 22, 1944.

Primo F. Guardiania; Killed in action in France, May 6, 1944.

Henry A. Hitz, Army Air Corps; Killed in line of duty at Banana River, Florida, October 6, 1946.

Howard J. Jefferies, Infantry; Died of wounds in Luxembourg, January 1, 1945.

William E. Miller, Infantry; Killed in action in Julich, Germany, December 9, 1944.

Claude E. McCurdy, Infantry; Killed in action in Luxembourg, December 27, 1944.

Fred W. Mueller, U. S. Navy; Killed in action at sea, U.S.S. Franklin, March 19, 1945.

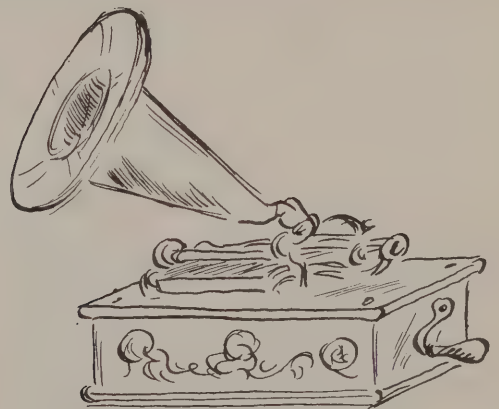
Hershell W. Saufley, Infantry; Killed in action at Grosetto, Italy, June 30, 1944.

Irvin M. Sheetz, Field Artillery; Killed in action in Luxembourg, December 17, 1944.

Frank Ellis Wilhelm, Army Air Corps; Killed in line of duty, Strother Air Field, Kansas, November 18, 1943.

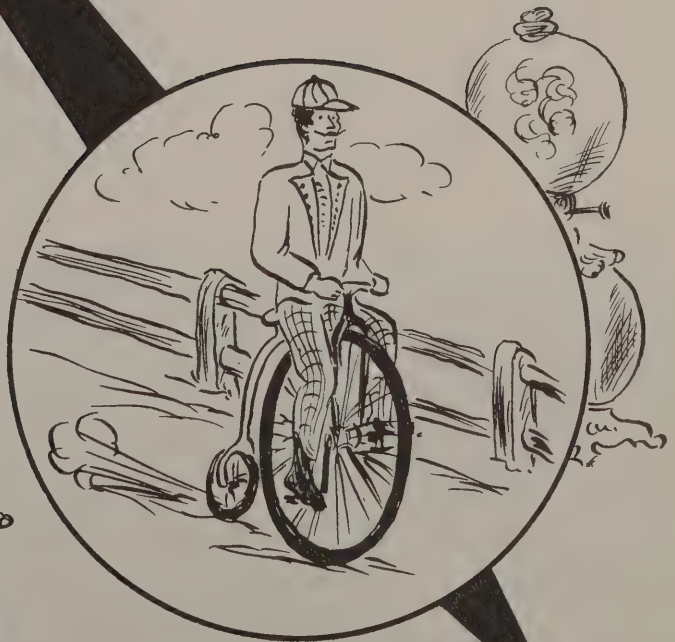
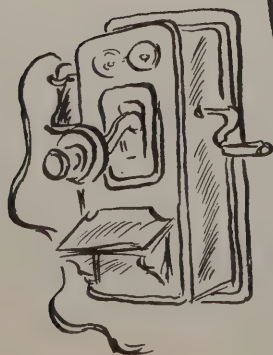


# MEMORIES OF OLD *Palmyra*



"There comes to me out of the Past  
A voice, whose tones are sweet and wild,  
Singing a song almost divine,  
And with a tear in every line."

Longfellow

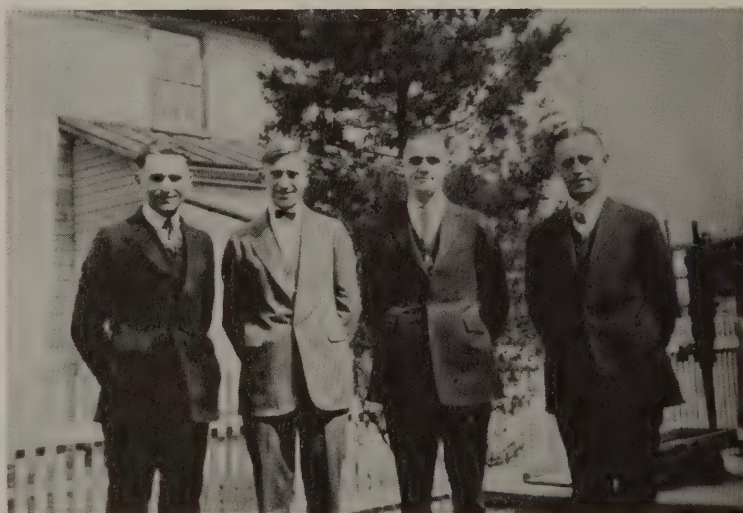






During the past half century, the community of Palmyra has been fortunate, in a musical sense, in having some outstanding quartettes whose abilities were appreciated and whose services were in demand, in other areas as well as Palmyra. The first of these was the Moyer Brothers Male Quartette. They were sometimes heard with, and frequently sang in the Male Chorus under the direction of Garfield Whitmoyer.

The second prominent group was the Clarion Quartette made up of Perry Bicksler, 1st tenor; William Shertzer, 2nd tenor; Levi Swalm, baritone, and Lloyd Swalm, bass. This group was an outgrowth of the Boys Chorus begun and directed by Isaac Longenecker.



The third group, popular instrumentally and vocally, was the Longenecker Quartette composed of the father, Irvin Longenecker and his three sons, Carl, Roy and Lloyd.



The Original Iroquois Band  
of Palmyra—1898



OLD HOME WEEK. AUTOMOBILE  
PARADE. SEPTEMBER, 1910. H. H.  
BRANDT, CONDUCTOR. (Sitting  
aside of headlight.)

OLD HOME WEEK, SEPTEMBER,  
1910. THE IROQUOIS BAND PLAY-  
ING FOR THE RECEPTION TO  
GOVENOR STEWART, AND CON-  
GRESSMAN OLMSTEAD AT THE  
HOME OF REPRESENTATIVE GA-  
BRIEL H. MOYER. (The present res-  
idence of DR. C. P. MARBARGER.)  
H. H. BRANDT, CONDUCTOR.







The Sylvan Mandolin and Guitar Club provided the musical interludes in the Palmyra High School Commencement of 1904 which graduated a class of four, namely, Anna Bicksler, Irvin Hoffer, Harry R. Seltzer and J. Landis Zimmerman. The musicians are, FRONT ROW, left to right: Albert Haines, Irvin Longenecker, Abner W. Hostetter, Milton Gingrich, Harm Leaman, Morris Baum. SECOND ROW: Ellwood Leaman, Christian R. Longenecker, William Poorman and Eugene G. Lutz. They were frequently heard in "Greiner Hall," located in what is now known as the Valley Trust building.

After the Landis Shoe Co. fire, November 28, 1905.



Fitting-room employees of the J. Landis Shoe Co. of 1908. Left to right: Edna Bomgardner, Sallie Rhoad, Ida Hetrick Martz, Anna Laudermilch, Lizzie Heilman and Mrs. Kate Etchberger.

CENTER, left: John Gerber, Anna Brightbill, Betty Horst and Mae Kline Conrad.

CENTER, right: David U. Landis, Nancy Fegan Lauser.

Right to left: Charles Noll, the Hartman sisters, Annie Gipe Gingrich, Lizzie Weltmer, Kate Barnhart, Annie Weltmer, Sue Conrad Moyer, Jennie Dissinger.



A group of W. L. Kreider Shoe Factory Employees in 1908. David C. Kreider, William Snavely, Miles Shaffer, Elmyra (Long) Maulfair, Ruth Faschnacht, Mary (Longenecker) Rupp, Myra (Heisey) Moyer, Miss Lehman, Carrie Gerberich, Maud Hatz, Kate Shelley, Mrs. Irvin Brightbill, Emma (Brightbill) Gible, Minnie (Barnhart) Heller, Mrs. Sallie Brehm, Alice (Gerberich) Funk, Emma (Doutrich) Lice, Carrie (Rhoades) Huffman, Stella Bachman.



In years gone by, a popular shopping center was Engle's Store pictured below in 1910. Left to right are: S. F. Engle, proprietor; his son Raymond, Elmer E. Hemperly, Frank E. Hartz, father of Robert; Charles Dietrich, father of Viola Dietrich.

In the mid-twenties it was a common sight, at the close of deer season, to see the limit of deer displayed in front of Harry Speece's "Palmyra Quick Lunch" which is now the Herr Electrical Appliance Store on the Square. John Leno is admiring the six fine buck while Mervin Speece is watching for the "birdie."







#### FIRST PALMYRA RAILROAD STATION

An inside view of the railroad station of Palmyra in the era from 1905 to 1910. Will Marberger, the station agent, on extreme left, sold the tickets permitting passengers to ride the "steam cars." Continuing from left to right are Samuel Ganser, express agent; Robert Dissinger and Silas Early. Remember the name of the dog? It was Flanagan.

Outside View of  
1910  
Palmyra Railroad Station



WEST MAIN STREET SCENE—  
WHERE LAUCK BROS. NOW STANDS



Posterity seldom learns of the records of "second teams"—the headlines go to the varsity—but the above group known as the Keystones deserve recognition. Since an older group played under the banner of Palmyra, they were called the second team. This picture was taken at Elizabethtown, May 30, 1904, where they won a double-header 7-2 and 12-0. Bert Dissinger, father of the Campbelltown postmaster pitched the shut-out. In 1904 they won 17 successive victories. They are, FRONT ROW, left to right: Bill Ream, pitcher; Harry Potteiger, catcher; "Chick" Marberger, southpaw. SECOND ROW: Fox, 1st b.; Strauss, 2nd b.; Bob Dissinger, manager; Homer Shiff'er, s.s.; Ray Brehm, 3rd b. REAR ROW: Gingrich, Hatton and Bert Dissinger.



Palmyra supported a town Football team in 1916 which was made up as follows—FRONT ROW: Herm Bomberger, Swope, Capt. Joe Kieffer, Coach Red Donahue, Young and Lumber Lauser. SECOND ROW: Mayn. Hess, Bud Shaub, Hen Poorman, Slessor, Harry Keeler, John Shenk and Charlie Gingrich. BACK ROW: Country Garman, Manager Chick Marberger and Bishop.

In 1920, this P.H.S. football team beat Hershey 33-0. Left to right: Bill Tarman, George Grumbein, Israel Earley, Harry E. Gingrich, captain; Clifford Smith, Howard Burtner, Alfred Achenbach. SECOND ROW: Frederick Rhoads, Stanton Bordner, Bruce Henderson, LeRoy "Mac" Yeagley, Chas. Pass, Ralph Rhoads, John Neidig, Elias "Little Mac" Yeagley, Arba Disney. THIRD ROW: Walter Houser, Benj. Bowman, Paul Gingrich, Ira Light, Roy Longenecker, Harry Longenecker, Galen Dohner. BACK ROW: Parke Ulrich, Claude Kleinfelter, coach; James Rodgers and John Scholl.







The Apollo Club stages one of its famous Minstrel shows.

A record of the thespian abilities of our citizens as portrayed in "Mammy's Lil' Wild Rose" given by the Brotherhood Class of the Palm Lutheran Bible School on November 21 and 22, 1929. Cast includes Milton Shaud and R. Kramer, colored characters. Left to right: Walter Loy, Israel Earley, Marion Eshleman Miller, Peggy Behm Earhart, Elias Mumma, Ruth Boyd Habacker, Mary Early Longenecker, LeRoy Mumma, Madeline Metzger Bomberger and Mrs. R. Kramer.



Two of Palmyra's present barbers are here shown practicing their tonsorial artistry in days long gone by. Nearest the camera is Paul Ginder about to attend to the needs of William S. Poorman. Seth Gingrich, Palmyra's 1-man police force is on the second chair with Johnnie Baldori as his barber. John Leno is about to work on an unknown candidate on the third chair.





The Property of Rey K. Light's father  
(now the home of Harold H. Herr's Ap-  
pliance Store), as seen in 1908.



Home of "Palmyra Record." Now owned by  
The Valley Trust Co. South Railroad Street.

S. W. Peter's Freight Line at the Greiner  
Block—1909.







PALMYRA POST OFFICE  
(NOW KEENEY'S SHOE STORE)

GRAVEL HILL CHURCH BEFORE THE  
DAYS OF MACADAM.



BOATING AT VALLEY GLEN PARK  
IN 1910.



TROLLEY ARRIVES FROM HERSHEY,  
AT THE PALMYRA BANK.



Looking North on North Railroad Street  
from the Railroad tracks.

THE WASHINGTON TAVERN IN 1908  
WITH THE OLD TOWN PUMP.







Firemen Parade in the  
Old Home Week Parade  
1910

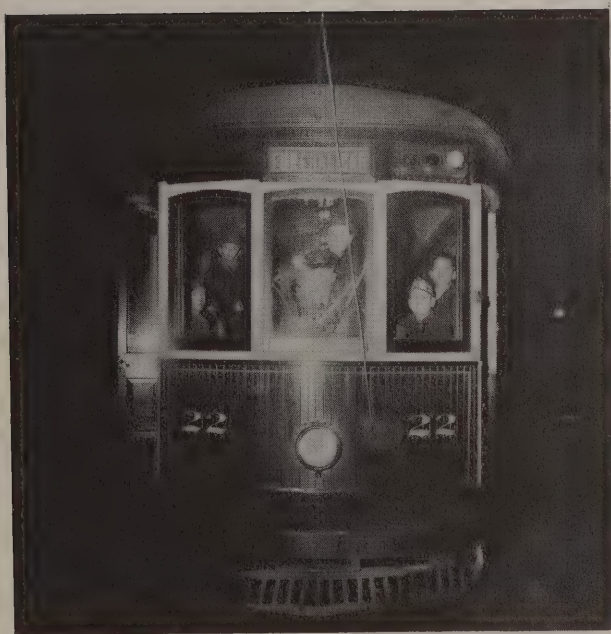
Court of Honor  
Palmyra Square  
Old Home Week—1910



Lodge Section of  
Old Home Week Parade  
1910



The start of a sad day—the first trolley in town on the morning of the last day of operations of the Palmyra-Hershey trolley line.



The last run!

Trolley "buffs" taking their last ride on the last run!







Welcome Home Parade  
1919

1944 Palmyra Rotary meeting in War-Time  
Quarters at the New England Pantry.

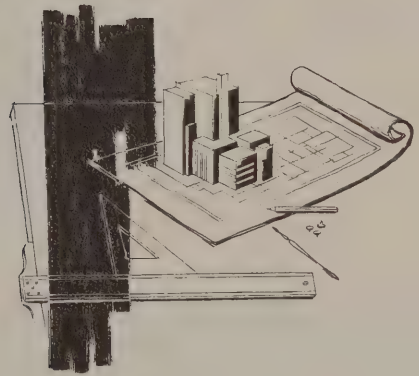


Harvey and Jack Seltzer on prize-winning  
horses "Belle Charm" and "King."



1960

# *Palmyra*



Looking North along South Railroad Street.



"The struggle of today, is not altogether for today—it is for a vast future also."  
—A. Lincoln





Looking East on East  
Cherry.



East Maple St. from  
Forge St. East.



Pine Street—Looking East  
to Forge St. School.



Looking North on North  
Railroad St.



West Maple St. looking  
East from the Palmyra  
Cemetery.



South Green St. reflects  
an ever growing Palmyra.

Palmyra expands to the  
South! White Oak St.  
looking East.



The Town Christmas Tree  
—1959.





Residence of Mr. & Mrs.  
Roy L. Bomgardner, 157  
N. Green Street.

RESIDENCE OF  
MR. AND MRS.  
ERVIN E. FACKLER  
1112 S. FORGE STREET  
PALMYRA, PA  
MR. & MRS. FACKLER  
GRANDSON,  
JAY C. FACKLER

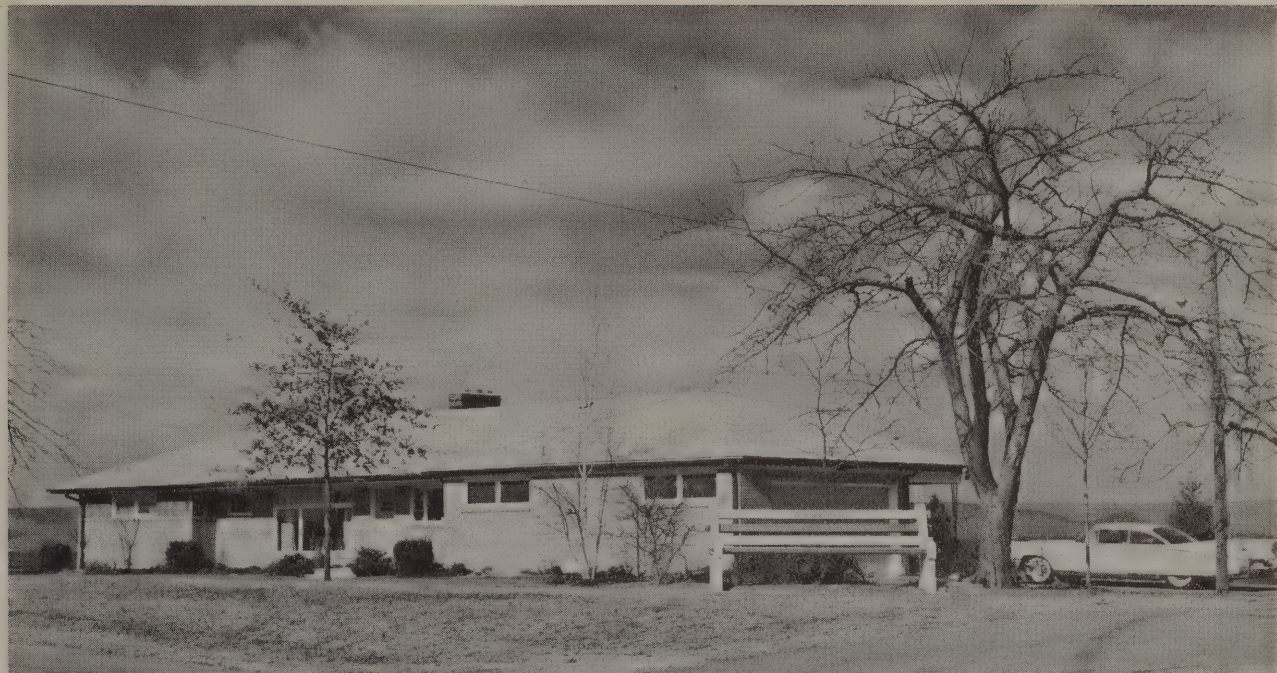


Residence of Mr. & Mrs.  
Light S. Wagner, Prince  
and Arch Streets.

RESIDENCE OF  
MR. AND MRS.  
REY K. LIGHT  
1060 S. FORGE STREET  
PALMYRA, PA.







Residence of Mr. & Mrs.  
Joseph P. Dechert, Old  
Forge Acres.



Residence of Mr. & Mrs.  
Clyde P. Stacks, 406 W.  
Maple Street.

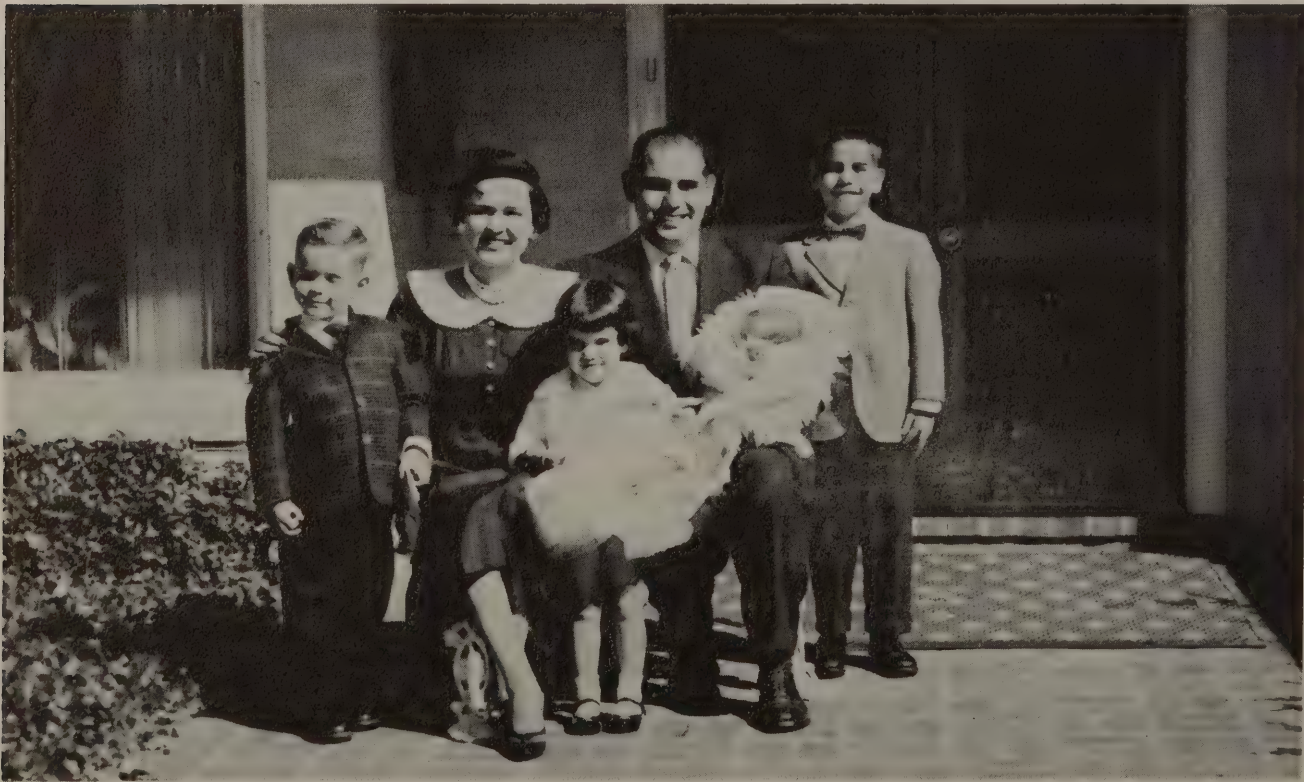
RESIDENCE OF  
MRS. DAVID H.  
KREIDER  
425 E. OAK ST.  
PALMYRA, PA.







Residence and family of G. Wilbur Gibble, S. Forge Road.



Representative and Mrs. H. Jack Seltzer and Family





RESIDENCE OF PAUL H. GINDEB, BARBER  
31 West Cherry Street

Shop at 20 W. Main St.  
By Appointment

Palmyra, Penna.  
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CHIEF WERT CHECKS CREDENTIALS OF THREE "TOWN CHAR-  
ACTERS" HANDLING WOODEN NICKELS AS THEY ARRIVE AT  
THE LEBANON VALLEY NATIONAL BANK!

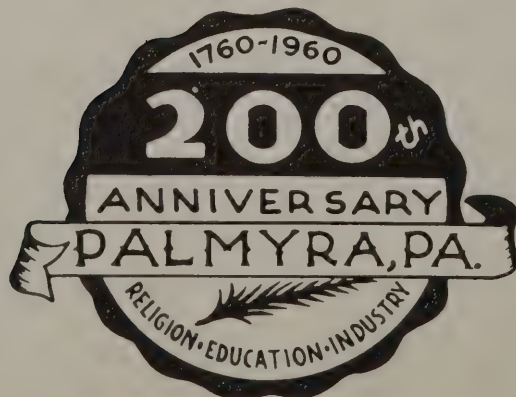




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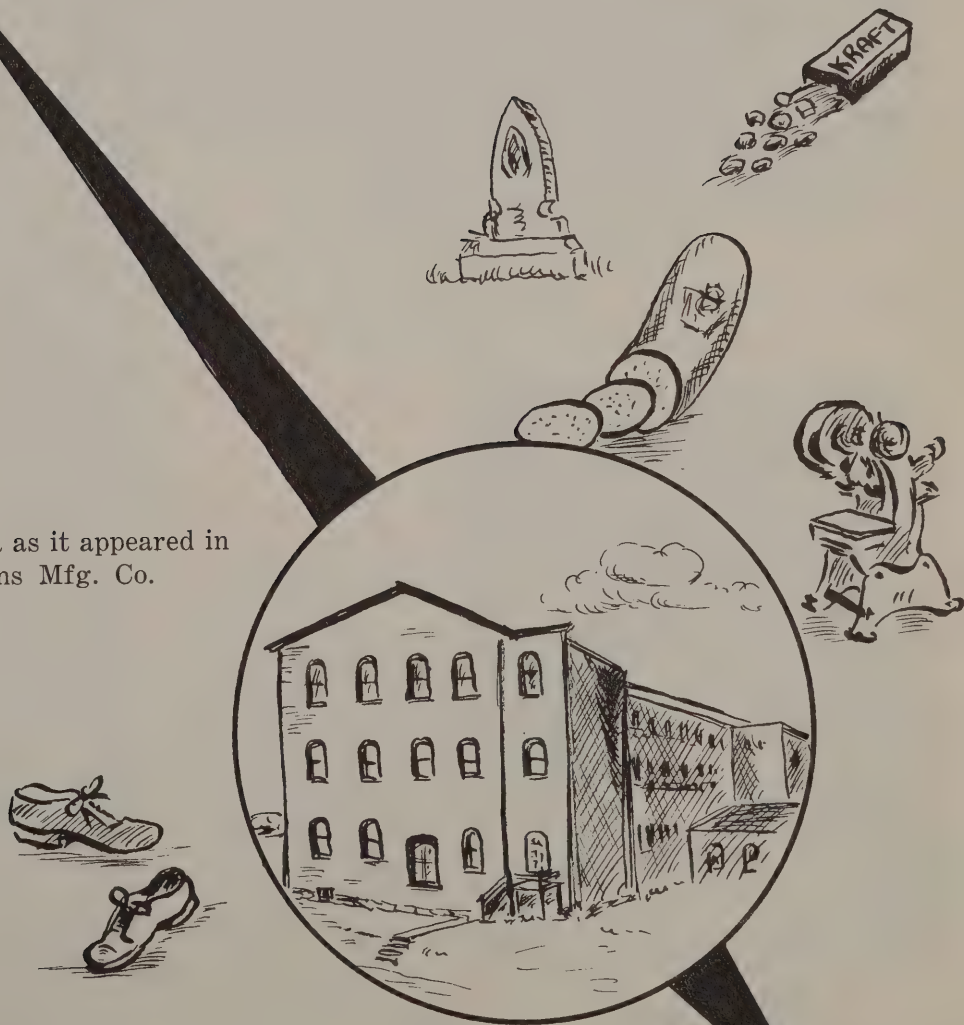
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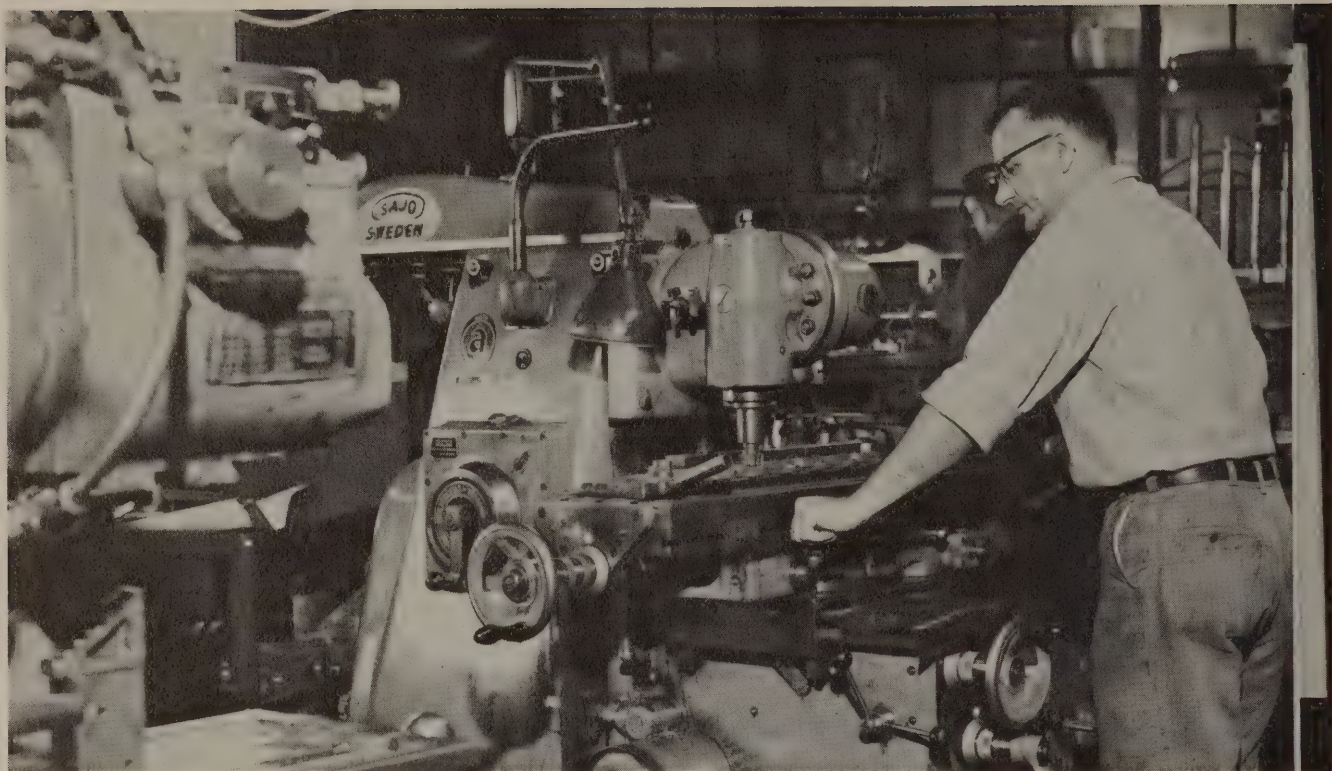
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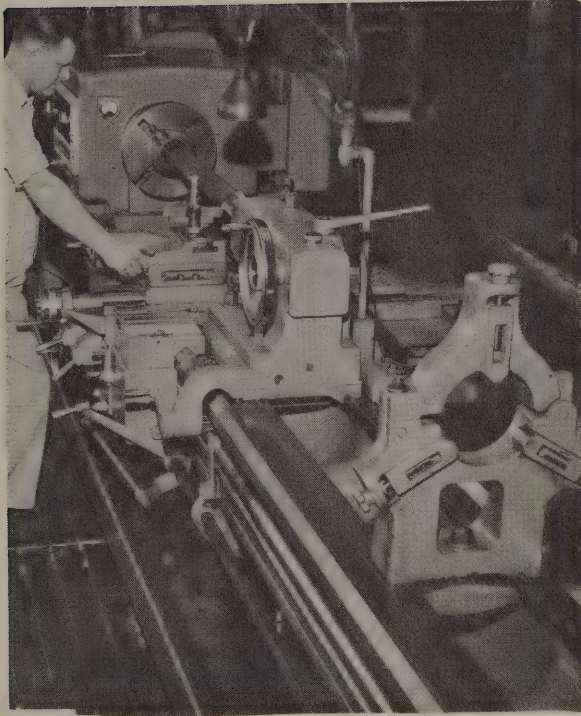
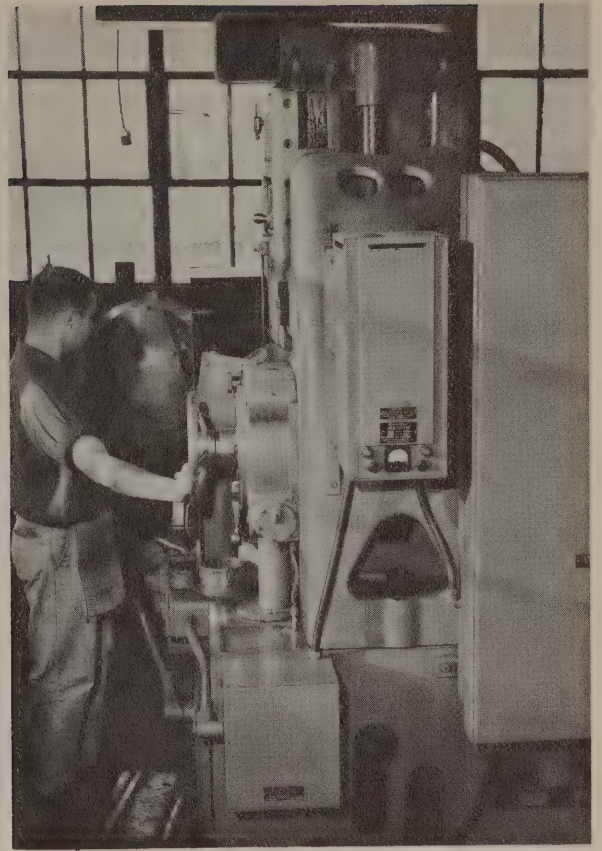
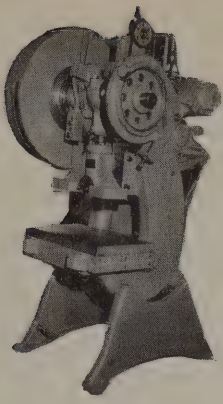
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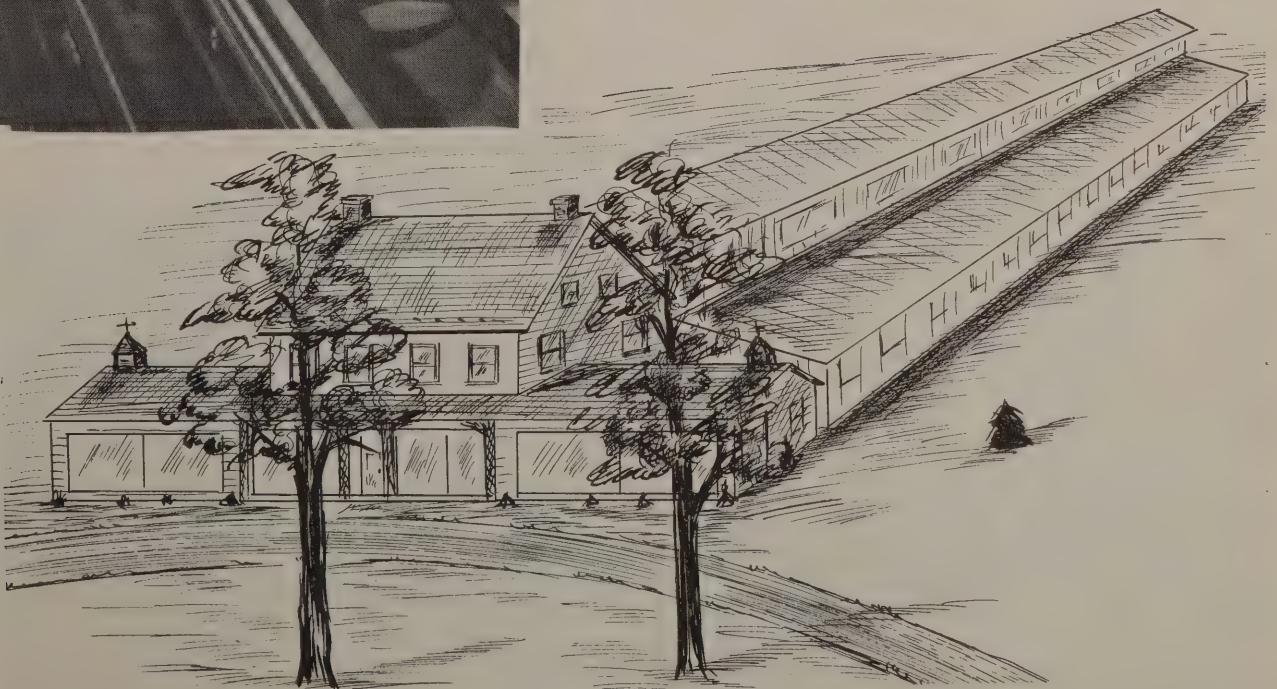
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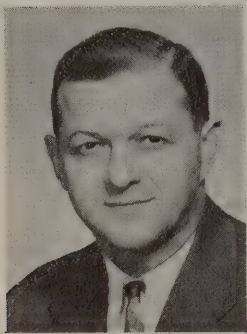


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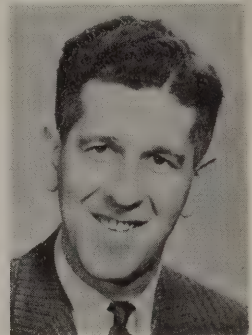
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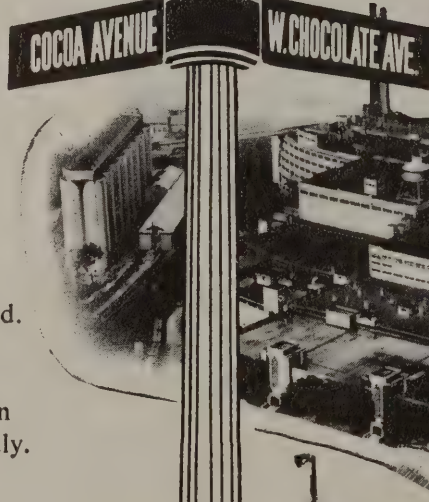
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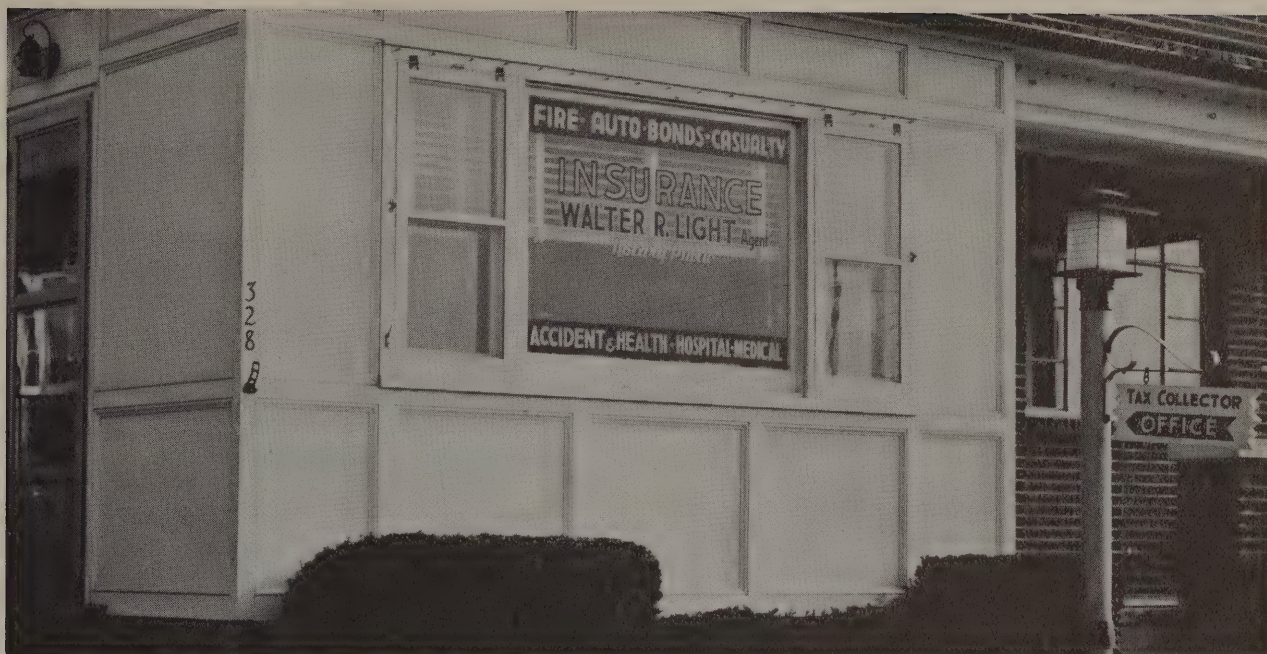
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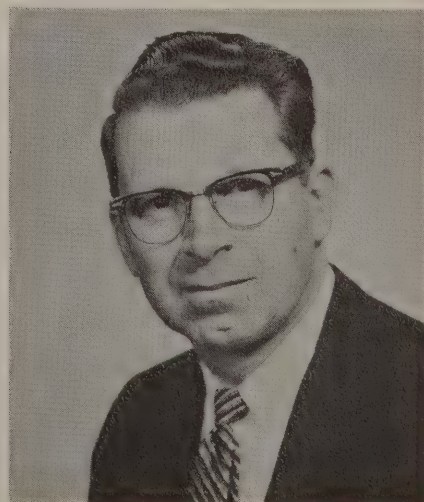


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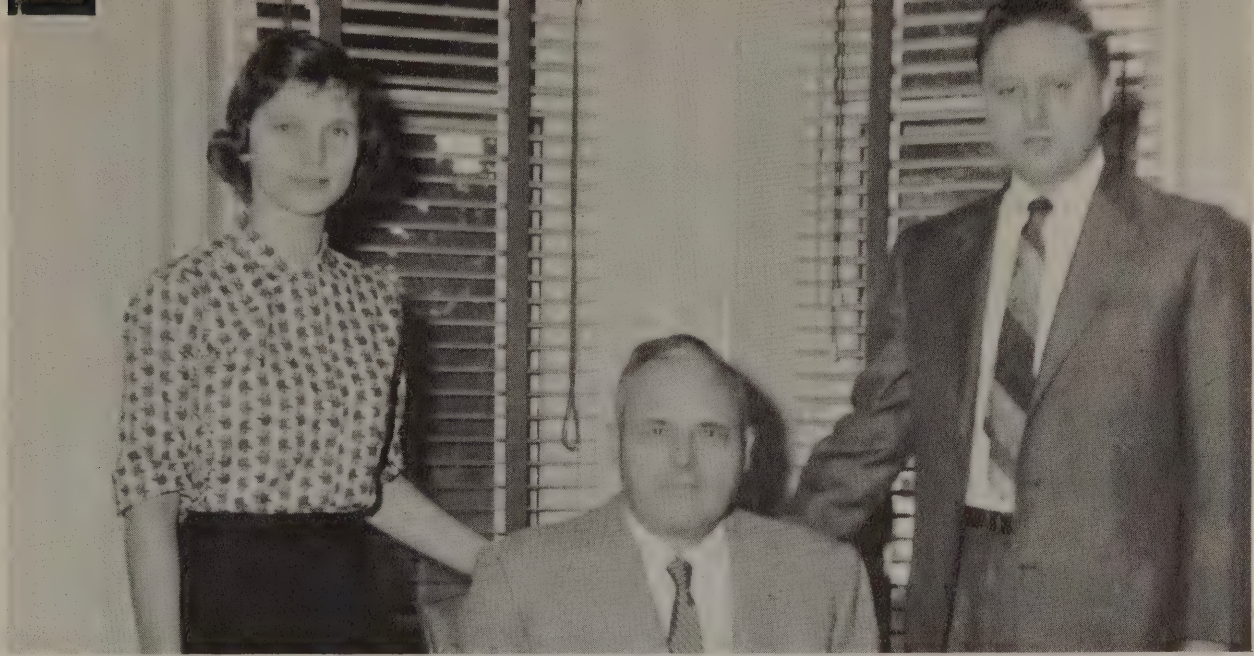
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On May 27, 1903, a group of men, among them H. G. Newgard, S. F. Engle, G. G. Greiner, C. C. Gingrich, F. R. Dissinger, G. H. Moyer and A. L. Landis, met to consider the establishment of a new bank in Palmyra. It was tentatively agreed to call the new bank by the name of "Farmers Bank," but at a later meeting it was changed to "The Lebanon Valley Trust Company." On September 1, 1903, under a charter from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and with a capital of \$125,000.00 and under its present name, The Valley Trust Company of Palmyra, Pennsylvania, began fifty-seven years of serving the business, industry, and people of Palmyra, Pa.

The first of those in a long line of personalities who were chosen to direct the affairs of the new bank were S. F. Engle, W. I. Hess, Joseph Early, A. L. Landis, M. B. Brandt, Joseph Brandt, C. C. Gingrich, I. N. Hershey, E. W. Bowman, Jacob Landis, H. G. Newgard and G. H. Moyer. Space does not permit the naming of succeeding generations of directors. S. F. Engle was elected the first president, and acted in that capacity until 1916. Those who followed in the presidency were C. C. Gingrich from 1916 to 1941; A. C. Ober from 1941 to 1946, and K. B. Light, who has held the office since 1946.

The story of The Valley Trust Company cannot be told without mention of Dr. F. S. Carper who has so capably served the institution for the past 47 years. He personifies the spirit of service which is the keynote of Valley Trust Company policy, for in addition to his full time position as Executive Vice-President of The Valley Trust Company, he is pastor of the Palmyra Church of the Brethren, and is nationally known in the work of his church in the fields of missions and education. His qualities and abilities, which he has generously contributed in religious and community affairs, are the same qualities which have served in guiding The Valley Trust through a long period of growth to its present position as a financial institution of service, strength and integrity.

That growth has been remarkable, but steady, throughout these past fifty-seven years. The bank opened for business October 19, 1903. By the end of that year the financial statement showed total assets of \$154,000.00 and continued to increase as follows:

1908.....	\$ 347,000
1913.....	494,000
1923.....	950,000
1933.....	1,108,000
1943.....	1,900,000
1948.....	3,100,000
1954.....	4,500,000
1959.....	9,052,000

This growth can truly be said to be a planned growth, and the blueprint has always been to chart, and put into practice those ways in which the customers and public could best be served. The bank has always occupied its present location, renting the quarters until 1917, and then purchasing the building. Since that purchase, the building has undergone several face lifting operations to accommodate the increased growth and to provide practical and pleasant banking facilities.

A review of the history of Palmyra and The Valley Trust Company tells an interesting and revealing story. The bank and the community have grown together.

This is understandable because the people of Palmyra, its industries, its business and commercial organizations have helped the bank in its constant and continuous growth. By the same token, The Valley Trust Company has participated and contributed in a major way to the progress of the borough and its citizenry.







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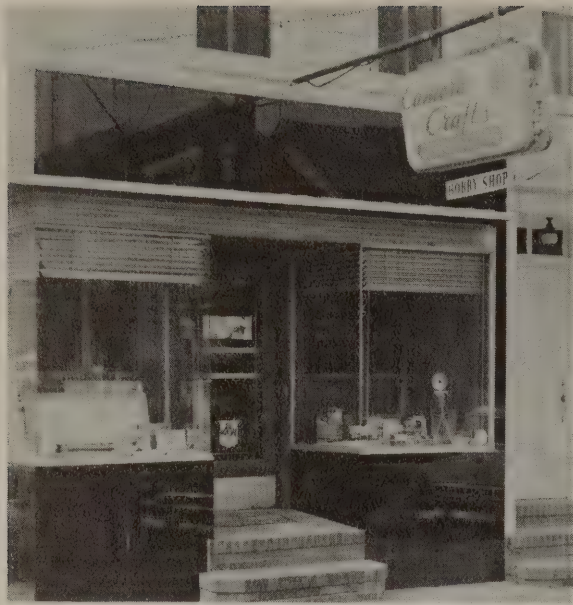


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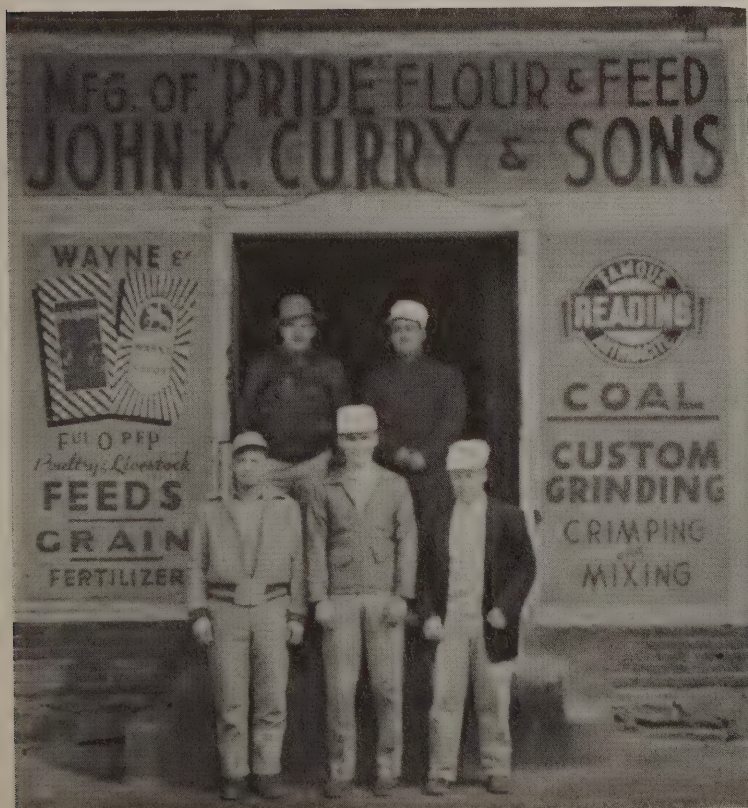
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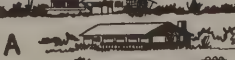

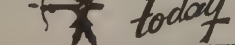


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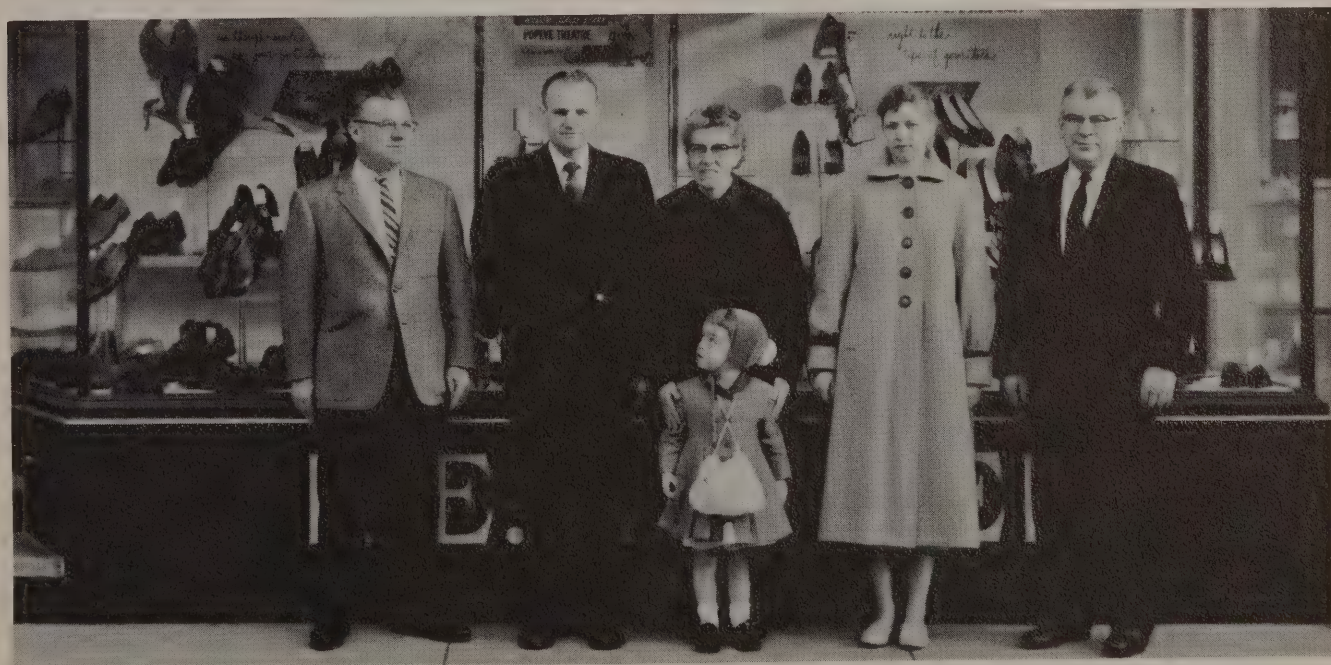
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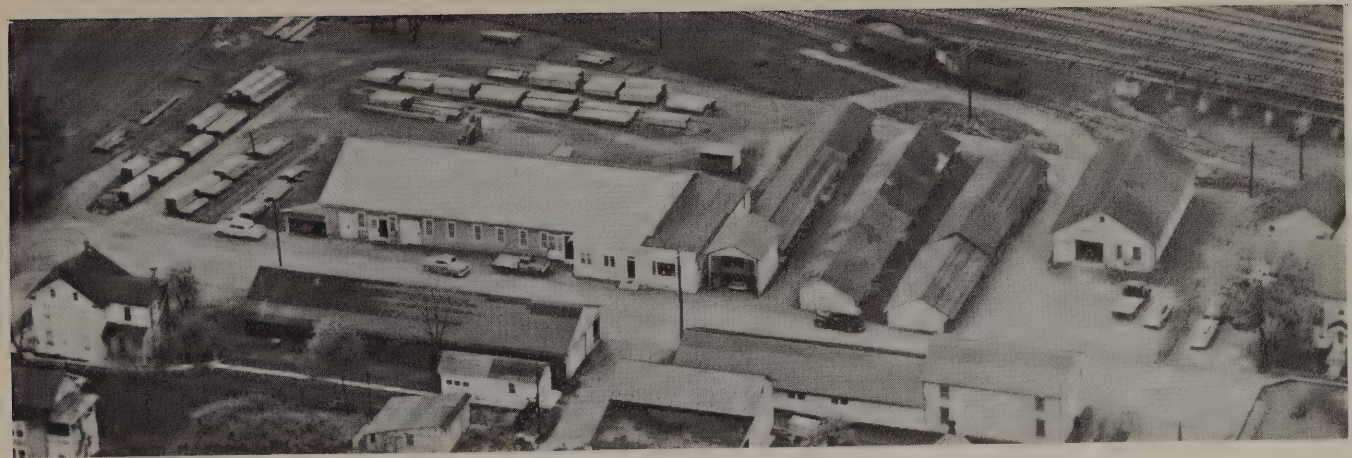
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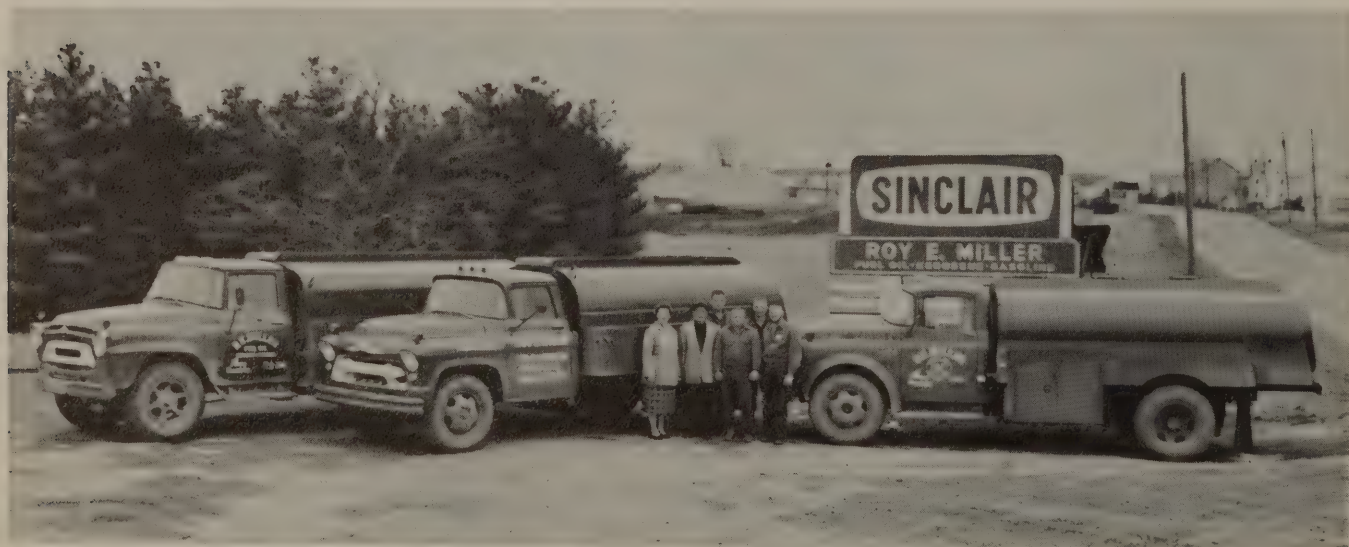
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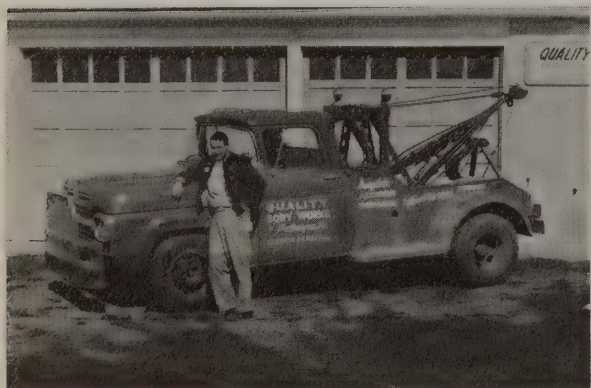
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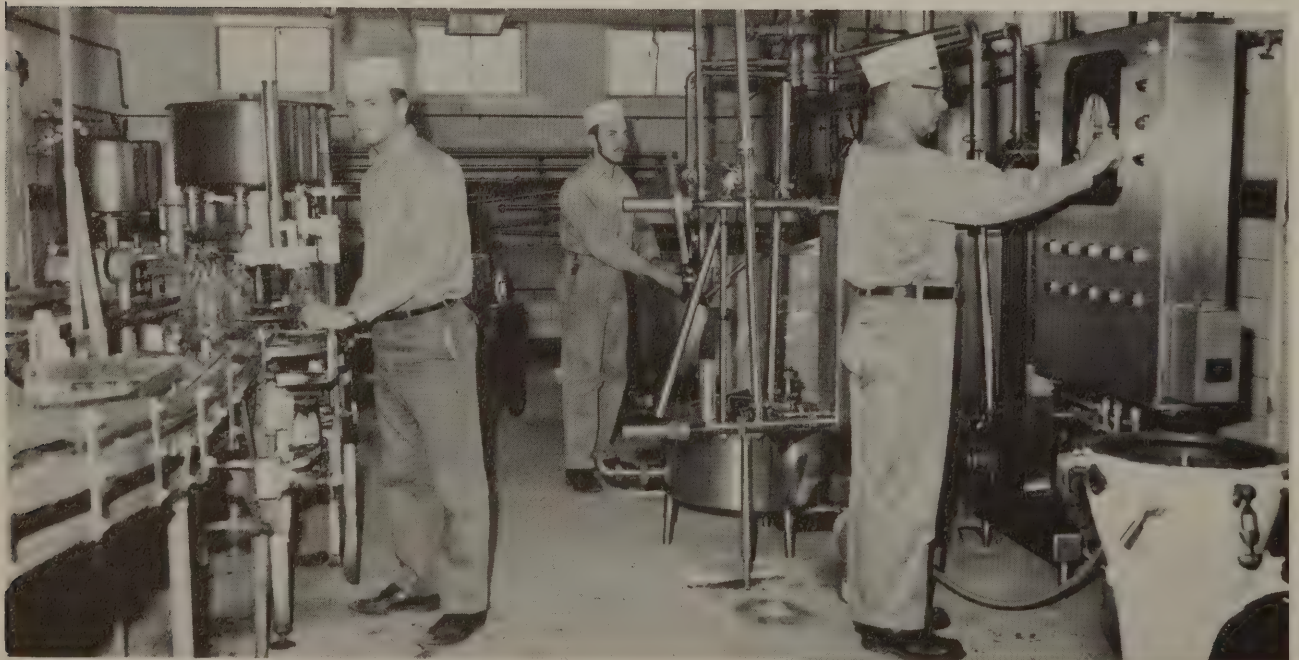
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